

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

DOROTHY STANLEY, as Executrix of the  
ESTATE of HELEN RUNGE,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

WALTER J. KELLEY; KERRY L.  
BLOOMINGDALE, M.D.; and  
SUNBRIDGE NURSING AND  
REHABILITATION CENTER,

*Defendants.*

Civil Action No. 05-10849-RGS

**DEFENDANT SUNBRIDGE'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE  
THE OUT OF COURT STATEMENTS OF HELEN RUNGE**

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Helen Runge passed away in February of 2007. The Plaintiff has identified a number of statements of Ms. Runge, including letters, affidavits, and even interrogatory answers, which she intends to offer as evidence at trial. These statements, if offered by the Plaintiff, would not fall within any of the exceptions to the hearsay rule and therefore should be excluded.

**I. Argument**

By choosing to bring this action in federal court, the Plaintiff has also chosen to subject her case to federal, rather than Massachusetts, procedural rules. "In diversity cases, the general rule is that state law governs substantive questions, while federal law governs procedural questions." *Donovan v. Sears Roebuck & Co.*, 849 F.Supp. 86, 87 (D.Mass. 1994) *citing Daigle v. Maine Medical Center, Inc.*, 14 F.3d 684, 688-689 (1st Cir. 1994); *Ricciardi v. Children's Hosp. Medical Center*, 811 F.2d 18, 21 (1st Cir. 1987). Rules governing the admissibility of evidence are rules of procedural rather than substantive policy and therefore the Federal Rules of Evidence control admissibility of evidence in diversity cases. *Id.*

Under Rules 801 and 802 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the out of court statements of an individual now deceased are inadmissible as hearsay unless the statements fall into one of the exceptions of Rules 803 or 804. *Donovan*, 849 F.Supp. at 87. In *Donovan*, another Judge of this Court granted the defendant's motion *in limine* to exclude the out-of-court statements of the plaintiff, who had died before trial. Judge Lindsay noted that Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 233, §65, which creates an exception to the hearsay rule for statements of individuals now deceased, is a rule of admissibility and therefore is procedural rather than substantive.

Unlike the Dead Person's Statutes under consideration in *Lovejoy* and by the Rule's drafters, M.G.L. c. 233, § 65, however, is not related to any substantive policy to prevent fraudulent claims against estates or business entities (and the plaintiff does not suggest that it was). As a rule of admissibility, as opposed to a rule of competency, the Massachusetts statute does not implicate the policy issues which concerned the drafters of Rule 601.

*Donovan*, 849 F.Supp. at 88.

Given that the Federal Rules of Evidence will control the admissibility of the statements of Helen Runge, those statements are inadmissible unless the Plaintiff could lay the foundation for their admissibility under Rules 803 or 804. No such exceptions exist for any of the statements of Helen Runge listed on Plaintiff's list of proposed exhibits.<sup>1</sup>

## **II. Statements at Issue**

The following out-of-court statements were identified in Plaintiff's list of proposed exhibits and contain inadmissible statements by Helen Runge. **Exhibit A.**

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<sup>1</sup> Although the Plaintiff would be precluded from offering the out-of-court statements of Helen Runge, if any of the Defendants offer those same statements, the statements would be excluded from the hearsay rule under Rule 801(d)(2)(D) as a statement by a party-opponent.

**A. January 16, 2004 Deposition**

Plaintiff's counsel lists a statement of Helen Runge taken by a stenographer on January 16, 2004 in Columbus, North Carolina. This statement was taken 15 months prior to the commencement of this action. The only attorney present was Plaintiff's counsel. There is no indication in the transcript that anyone else was notified that the deposition would be taken or given the opportunity to cross examine Ms. Runge.

Unlike the deposition taken in November of 2006 as part of this matter, the January 2004 statement purportedly taken as part of *In re Guardianship of Helen Runge*, does not fall within 804(b)(1)'s exception to the hearsay rule.<sup>2</sup> In order for former testimony to be admissible under 804(b)(1), that testimony must be given in a proceedings in which "the party against whom the testimony is now offered, or . . . a predecessor in interest, had an opportunity and similar motive to develop the testimony by direct, cross, or redirect examination." None of the Defendants were aware of this deposition until the transcript was produced in discovery. The Plaintiff has never produced any evidence that the Defendants, or anyone, were notified prior to this deposition being taken.

In addition to being inadmissible as hearsay, the transcript of the January 16, 2004 deposition suggests that Helen Runge's mental state had already deteriorated to a point where she was unable to testify on her own behalf. The opening dialogue of the deposition is telling:

Q: And today is January 16th, year 2004?

A: Yes.

Q: And we're sitting here at the home of your daughter Dorothy and Gilbert Stanley?

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<sup>2</sup> The January 16, 2002 deposition also failed to meet any of the requirements of Rule 27 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Apparently the Plaintiff did not seek leave of the Court for this deposition and the Plaintiff did not provide the required notice to the expected adverse parties.

A: Yes.

Q: In North Carolina?

A: Yes.

Q: And my name, as you know, is Glenn Davis?

A: Glenn Davis.

**Exhibit B** – *January 2004 Deposition Transcript* (00592-00672), page 4, lines 4 – 12. It is readily apparent from this exchange that Ms. Runge was already at a point where she needed to have even the simplest answers feed to her. While Helen Runge was able to remember some details of her life in later questions, such as details of her earlier life and housing, the questioning by her attorney was consistently leading.

#### **B. Affidavit**

The Plaintiff identifies an affidavit purportedly dictated by Helen Runge in July of 2003.

**Exhibit C** – *Affidavit of Helen Ann Runge* (00583-00585). The Affidavit was prepared for purposes of the dispute between the Stanleys and Walter Kelly over Kelly's appointment as guardian by the Probate Court for Norfolk County. This document does not fall within any of the exceptions of 803 or 804. Given that the document was prepared for purposes of litigation, it even fails 807's residual exception because it lacks the guaranties of trustworthiness equivalent to those provided for in 803 or 804.

#### **C. Interrogatory Answers**

The Plaintiff includes **Plaintiff's** answers to defendants' interrogatories on her list of proposed exhibits. While interrogatory answers of opposing parties are certainly admissible against that party, the Plaintiff cannot place her own answers to interrogatories into evidence.

Under Rule 33(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, answers to interrogatories are only admissible “to the extent allowed by the Federal Rules of Evidence.” Nothing in the Rules of Evidence permits a party to place their own answers to interrogatories into evidence.

**D. Written Statement by Helen Runge**

A type written document prepared after Helen Runge’s removal to North Carolina, titled “Statement of Helen Runge” and dated May 12, 2003, purports to express Runge’s dissatisfaction with SunBridge and with Walter Kelly. **Exhibit D – May 12, 2003 Statement of Helen Runge** (00587).

**E. Correspondence written by Helen Runge**

The Plaintiff has identified a number of letters written by Helen Runge as proposed exhibits. None of these correspondences fall within an exception to the hearsay rule.

**1. March 12, 2003 Letter of Helen Runge**

The Plaintiff proposes to introduce into evidence a handwritten letter written by Helen Runge on March 12, 2003 and addressed to Walter Kelly. **Exhibit E – March 12, 2003 handwritten letter** (WK0578-WK0581). In the letter was written during Runge’s stay at SunBridge and discusses a number of issues. The letter includes a claim that items were stolen – a common manifestation of her paranoia.

**2. January 17, 2003 Letter of Helen Runge**

The Plaintiff also lists a another handwritten letter written during Runge’s stay at SunBridge, this time addressed to Dorothy Stanley. **Exhibit F – March 24, 2003 handwritten letter** (00589-00591 and P00195-P00197). The letter includes a number of paranoid claims, including that she was taken to SunBridge under “false pretenses.”

**3. April 30, 2003 Letter of Helen Runge**

In a brief, one sentence letter addressed to “To whom it may concern”, and stating “I, Helen Runge, request that my daughter, Dorothy Stanley, remove me from Sunbridge Rehabilitation Facility and bring me to live with her in North Carolina.” **Exhibit G** – *April 30, 2003 typed letter* (00586).

**F. Testimony based on the oral statements of Helen Runge.**

The Plaintiff and her witnesses should not be permitted to testify to oral statements purportedly made by Helen Runge. As discussed in the *Motion In Limine by All Defendants to preclude Dorothy and Gilbert Stanley from Testifying Regarding Events Prior to April 29, 2003*, much of the of the Plaintiff’s key witnesses is expected to be based on the hearsay statements of Helen Runge. Since there is no basis for excluding these statements from the hearsay rule, such testimony should be precluded.

**III. Conclusion**

This Court should preclude the Plaintiff from offering the out-of-court statements of Helen Runge into evidence as inadmissible under Rule 801 and 802 of the Federal Rules of Evidence.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Michael Williams

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THE ESTATE OF HELEN A. RUNGE,	:	
Plaintiff	:	
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	:	No. 05-10849-RGS
v.	:	(Judge Stearns)
	:	
WALTER J. KELLY, et al.,	:	CIVIL ACTION
Defendants	:	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

EXHIBIT LIST

1. Letter of Helen Runge to "To Whom It May Concern," April 30, 2003
2. Letter of Helen Runge to Sunbridge, May 12, 2003
3. Notes of Walter Kelly, 3 pages (Kelly Dep. Exh. 25)
4. Resident fund material (3466 - 3470)
5. Sunbridge Healthcare Mission/Core Values Policy, August 2002 (4320)
6. Sunbridge Healthcare Standards in the Department of Nursing Policy, June 2002 (4414)
7. Sunbridge Healthcare Health and Medical Condition, Informing Residents of, Policy, June 2002 (4475)
8. Sunbridge Healthcare Psychoactive Medications Policy, June 2002 (4490)
9. Sunbridge Healthcare Refusal of Treatment Policy, June 2002 (4491)
10. Deposition of Sandra M. Porazzo-Perry, March 28, 2007
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12. Letter of Helen Runge to Walter J. Kelly, October 10, 2000 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 7)



13. Letter of Helen Runge to "To Whom It May Concern," November 8, 2001 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 8)
14. Letter of Walter J. Kelly to Helen Runge, November 27, 2001 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 9)
15. Massachusetts Health Care Proxy of Helen Runge, May 10, 2002 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 3)
16. Note of Helen Runge, January 17, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 12)
17. Sunbridge Healthcare Medical Record Release, January 22, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 13)
18. Fax of Walter J. Kelly to Bay View Village, January 24, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 14)
19. Sunbridge Healthcare Antipsychotic Medication - Informed Consent, January 30, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 26)
20. Note of Walter Kelly, February 11, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 27)
21. Fax of Walter Kelly to Sunbridge Healthcare, February 27, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 29)
22. Fax of Sunbridge Healthcare to Walter Kelly, March 24, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 30)
23. Letter of Helen Runge to Walter Kelly, March 12, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 10)
24. Letter of Helen Runge to Dorothy Stanley, March 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 11)
25. Letter of Thomas F. Schiavoni to Kerry Bloomingdale, M.D., April 25, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 15)
26. Medical Certificate - Guardianship, April 29, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 16)
27. Authorization for Use and Release of Information to Sunbridge Healthcare, April 29, 2002 (WK0491 - 0493)
28. Sunbridge fax to Walter Kelly, April 29, 2003 (WK0501 - 0520)

29. Randolph Police Report
30. Memoranda of Walter J. Kelly, April 30, 2003; May 2, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 32)
31. Motion for Appointment of Temporary Guardian, May 1, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 17)
32. Letter of Thomas Schiavoni to Patrolman Brent Jackson, May 5, 2003 (WK0044 - 0053)
33. Letter of Robert M. Palmer, M.D., to Dorothy Stanley, May 12, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 19)
34. Note of B. Rhett Myers, M.D., May 30, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 20)
35. Letter of Robert M. Palmer, M.D., to Dorothy Stanley, July 25, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 22)
36. Letter of Phillip R. Feagan to Michael J. McCann and Thomas Schiavoni, June 2, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 23)
37. Letter of Thomas Schiavoni to Lawrence Hale, July 21, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 21)
38. Members Plus Credit Union Check, May 20, 2003
39. Sunbridge Healthcare invoice, May 2, 2003, and check (Kelly Dep. Exh. 34)
40. Members Plus Credit Union check, August 7, 2003
41. Walter J. Kelly check, June 4, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 37)
42. Invoices of Walter J. Kelly dated June 3, 2003; August 8, 2003 (Kelly Dep. Exh. 36)
43. Schiavoni invoices and check copies (Schiavoni Dep. Exh. 4 and 5)
44. Deposition of Farrah Seidler, May 8, 2007
45. Deposition of Linda Johnson, October 16, 2006
46. Affidavit of Helen A. Runge, July 27, 2003

47. Transcription of Videotaped Statement and Videotaped Statement of Helen A. Runge, January 16, 2004
48. Helen Runge's Answer to Kelly's Interrogatories, October 12, 2006, and Answer to Bloomingdale's Interrogatories, October 12, 2006
49. Affidavit of Walter J. Kelly in Support of Motion for Award of Costs in guardianship proceeding
50. July 13, 2006, Chapter 93A demand letter
51. August 10, 2006, response to Chapter 93A demand letter
52. Helen Runge's medical records from Sunbridge
53. Photographs of Helen Runge
54. Massachusetts Resident Admission Agreement
55. Patient's Bill of Rights
56. Sunbridge trust fund disbursements of Helen Runge, August 2002

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, SS.

NORFOLK DIVISION  
PROBATE AND FAMILY  
COURT DEPARTMENT  
DOCKET NO. 03 P1104-G1

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF  
HELEN RUNGE

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VIDEOTAPE DEPOSITION  
OF  
HELEN RUNGE

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DEPOSITION OF

HELEN RUNGE

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1 PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT, I, Carol J. Patwin, a  
2 Notary Public as required in Rules 26 and 30 of the  
3 North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, proceeded to take  
4 the testimony upon oral examination of the witness HELEN  
5 RUNGE at 5 Stirrup Downs, in the City of Columbus, County of  
6 Polk, State of North Carolina, on Friday, January 16, 2004,  
7 commencing at 11:00 o'clock A.M., said deposition being  
8 taken by GLENN R. DAVIS, attorney for the deponent herein.

9 (Whereupon, Exhibit Nos. 1-10 were marked for  
10 identification by the court reporter prior to the  
11 commencement of the deposition.)

12 HELEN RUNGE,  
13 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as  
14 follows:

15 EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. DAVIS:

17 Q Good morning, Mrs. Runge, how are you this  
18 morning?

19 A Oh, I am very fine, thank you. Nice to meet  
20 you all.

21 Q Since now today when we speak from time to  
22 time I'll reference the fact that we're talking on the  
23 record and what that means is we're talking and the court  
24 reporter that just swore you in is making a record of  
25 everything you said and we also have a videographer here

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1 that's also making a record of you and I talking together;  
2 do you understand that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And today is January 16th, year 2004?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And we're sitting here at the home of your  
7 daughter Dorothy and Gilbert Stanley?

8 A Yes.

9 Q In North Carolina?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And my name, as you know, is Glenn Davis?

12 A Glenn Davis.

13 Q And your name is what?

14 A Helen A. Runge, R-u-n-g-e.

15 Q Helen, when were you born?

16 A When?

17 Q Yeah.

18 A I was born August the 3rd in 1915.

19 Q So you're almost 89 years old?

20 A Yes, I will be 89 this year.

21 Q This year?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And it's about eleven o'clock or so and let  
24 me just ask you a couple questions?

25 A Yes.

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1 Q Prior to us sitting down and talking today,  
2 this morning did you ingest any drugs or did you take any  
3 alcohol that would affect your ability to listen to and  
4 comprehend the questions I'm asking you?

5 A No, I haven't.

6 Q Are you on a lot of medications?

7 A I take mine at night, my medication, like  
8 vitamins and I have a Tylenol, an iron pill, something like  
9 that, but no drugs.

10 Q Now, as we talk back and forth today, if  
11 there's a question, if I ask you something that you don't  
12 understand, you just say, "Mr. Davis, could you help me out  
13 with that, could you re-ask that question so I can  
14 understand it?"

15 A Yes.

16 Q And you know that we're here in the living  
17 room of Dorothy and Gilbert's house so, if you want to take  
18 a break and you want to have a cup of tea or go to the  
19 bathroom, you just say, "Can we take a break," and we can do  
20 that?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you understand that?

23 A Yes, thank you.

24 Q Now, we're here today to take your statement  
25 with regard to some things that happened over the last year

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1 or so; do you understand that?

2 A Yes.

3 Q So what I'd like to do is I'd like to kind of  
4 go back in time a little and ask you a little bit about your  
5 life?

6 A Okay.

7 Q Now, do you recall, where were you born?

8 A Where?

9 Q Yeah.

10 A In South Boston.

11 Q South Boston, Massachusetts?

12 A Massachusetts.

13 Q And you spent most of your life in  
14 Massachusetts?

15 A Yes.

16 Q You moved here last April of 2003?

17 A Yes, it was just recently. It wasn't like  
18 years ago.

19 Q And you've lived here now in North Carolina  
20 with Dorothy and Gilbert since May of 2003?

21 A That's right.

22 Q Now, as you were growing up in Boston, did  
23 you work once you became an adult?

24 A Yes, I did.

25 Q Who did you work for?

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1 A Well, when, the last one?

2 Q Yes.

3 A The last one was the Boston Edison Company, I  
4 worked for them.

5 Q What did you do with the Boston Edison  
6 Company?

7 A I did clerical work doing calculating. What  
8 do you call it, did watts, you had to have, I had to do all  
9 kinds of figuring for the bill because those watts went into  
10 thousands, not just a few like a house but in a big business  
11 like IBM or anything like that, they're all big business and  
12 I would calculate that and then it went to somebody to check  
13 it and then it went in to get a bill.

14 Q How long did you work for the electric  
15 company?

16 A About thirty years.

17 (Off-the-record discussion.)

18 Q Mrs. Runge, we were chatting just before our  
19 short break, we were chatting about what you did at Edison?

20 A It was the calculating for bill, you had to  
21 calculate the watts.

22 Q And I think you had said that you're retired  
23 from there?

24 A Yes, I retired from there.

25 Q Do you recall what year that was you retired?

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1 A Well, it was, I think, in 1932, '42. I get  
2 mixed up because I was so glad to get out.

3 Q When you retired, it was sometime in the  
4 eighties, wasn't it?

5 A Yeah, that was it because I remember they  
6 had, we went and had lobster.

7 Q Now, after you've retired from the electric  
8 company, have you worked at a job since then?

9 A No.

10 Q As a result of all those years, those thirty  
11 years of working with the electric company, do you get a  
12 monthly retirement from them?

13 A Yes, I do get a retirement amount. Do you  
14 want me to give you the amount?

15 Q Well, if you know it?

16 A Yes, three hundred forty dollars and fourteen  
17 cents.

18 Q How about, do you also get a check from  
19 Social Security every month?

20 A Yes, I do get a check every month from Social  
21 Security. It goes directly to the bank.

22 Q In an account in your name?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And you take care of your finances?

25 A Well, Mr. Gilbert, Stanley and Dorothy are

1 taking care of my finances now.

2 Q Do you know about how much you get from  
3 Social Security?

4 A I know it's a little over a thousand dollars,  
5 yeah.

6 Q Now, let's go back, at about the time you  
7 retired, where did you live in Boston?

8 A I lived in Hyde Park.

9 Q And you lived in an apartment?

10 A Yes, I lived in an apartment.

11 Q And that was on Sierra Road?

12 A 75 Sierra Road, Hyde Park.

13 Q And you lived there for, what, about thirty  
14 years or so?

15 A Well, I don't know exactly. Time just  
16 marched on but it was quite a few years I was there. I felt  
17 right at home there.

18 Q When you say you felt at home, you went to  
19 church in that area?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And you had friends in that area?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And you had social affairs?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And, at the time, Dorothy is your only child?



1 A Yes.

2 Q And Dorothy is married to Gilbert, you've  
3 referenced him?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And they have two children?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Do you recall their children's names, they  
8 would be your grandchildren?

9 A Bryan and Lynn.

10 Q And Lynn?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And they've lived all over the country with  
13 Gilbert's work?

14 A Yes.

15 Q They've lived in Texas?

16 A Yes.

17 Q They've lived in State College, Pennsylvania?

18 A Yes. I visited there, yes.

19 Q But they've never really lived in the Boston  
20 area?

21 A No.

22 Q Now, let me go back to, like, the mid to late  
23 1980's, okay?

24 A 1980's.

25 Q In the 1980's, did you have an Attorney Kerr

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1 that worked for you?

2 A Yes.

3 Q What did Attorney Kerr do for you, do you  
4 recall, what type of legal services did he do for you?

5 A Well, he helped me make out a will and, if I  
6 had a problem, he helped me and he was very kind and I  
7 appreciated his kindness, he was very honest but he retired.

8 Q And you did things for many years with  
9 Attorney Kerr?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Let me show you a document which we've had  
12 the reporter mark as Exhibit 1 and you're going to see these  
13 little blue things down at the bottom and it says, "Exhibit 1,"  
14 and it has your name on it?

15 (Document shown to the witness.)

16 A Yes.

17 Q It's a two page document and it's entitled at  
18 the top, "Durable Power of Attorney?"

19 A Power of Attorney, yes.

20 Q And it references your name and living at  
21 75 Sierra Road in Hyde Park District of the City of Boston,  
22 do you see that?

23 A Yes.

24 Q If we could just go to the second page, it  
25 has a signature on it and it's imprinted Helen A. Runge and

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1 then it's signed. Is that your signature?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Again, it appears to be dated on the 25th of  
4 August?

5 A August, 1989.

6 Q 1989?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And it has a gentleman's name --

9 A Peter Kerr.

10 Q -- Peter Kerr on it?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And that was your attorney at the time?

13 A Yes, very nice.

14 Q And this document's of a Power of Attorney  
15 and it's appointing someone as your power of attorney and  
16 her name is Deborah Gaughan?

17 A Gaughan, yes.

18 Q How do you spell her last name?

19 A G-a-u-g-h-a-n.

20 Q And who was Deborah Gaughan?

21 A She was a very dear friend of mine. She  
22 lived in Milton and I'm in Hyde Park and she helped me and  
23 visited me and we got along beautifully.

24 Q Over the years --

25 A Yes.

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1 Q -- you and Deborah have been friends for  
2 quite sometime, haven't you?

3 A Oh, yes.

4 Q And Attorney Kerr helped you draft a will and  
5 helped you make a Power of Attorney that she could do things  
6 for you if she needed to?

7 A Yes. Every time you asked him a question or  
8 called, he was very helpful, very kind.

9 Q Now, did Deborah ever have to sign anything  
10 for you?

11 A I think there was a time when she was  
12 supposed to be power of attorney, yeah.

13 Q But was there ever a time where you weren't  
14 able to write your own checks or take care of all your --

15 A I always did that, yeah.

16 Q And Deborah never had to do that for you?

17 A No. I always made my own. I had no problems  
18 in that. I was a well woman. I thank God for that.

19 Q Let me show you another document so I'm going  
20 to take this away from you?

21 A Okay.

22 Q And I'm going to show you another document.  
23 Now, this document you'll see is marked Exhibit 2 on the  
24 bottom?

25 (Document shown to the witness.)

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1 A Yes.

2 Q And it almost appears to be the same  
3 document. Again, it's called a, "Durable Power of  
4 Attorney."

5 A "Power of Attorney."

6 Q This time it's four pages long, okay, there's  
7 four pages but, again, it has the name at the top, "I,  
8 Helen A. Runge," and, again, it shows 75 --

9 A Sierra Road.

10 Q -- Sierra Road and Hyde Park, Massachusetts?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Is that correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Now, if we could go back to the last page,  
15 it's signed again and there's a signature that appears to  
16 say Helen A. Runge?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Is that your signature?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And this document is dated March 5, 19-- --

21 A '98.

22 Q -- -98, so that's about nine years or so  
23 after this first document I showed you; is that correct?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And I understand that this document, again,

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1 is a Power of Attorney that was again appointing Deborah  
2 Gaughan as your representative?

3 A Yes.

4 Q If you needed her to do something for you; is  
5 that correct?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And this document again was drafted for you  
8 by Attorney Kerr, wasn't it?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Now, if we could just go back to the back  
11 page, I notice that Attorney Kerr didn't witness this one?

12 A No.

13 Q This was witnessed by a gentleman by the name  
14 of Walter J. Kelly?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And I understand that Mr. Kelly is an  
17 attorney; is that correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Now, in 1998, was Mr. Kelly working for you,  
20 was he your attorney?

21 A Well, I can't remember exactly if that was  
22 1998. Dates, I do get confused.

23 Q But, in 1998, Attorney Kerr had drafted this  
24 for you?

25 A Well, that was an attorney but I don't know

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1 where Mr. Kelly came in.

2 Q Mr. Kelly shared office space with Attorney  
3 Kerr?

4 A They were in the same, well, not in the same  
5 room but he had a different room but it was the same floor.  
6 It was a big office.

7 Q You had paid Attorney Kerr to draft this  
8 Power for you back in '98?

9 A Yes, '98.

10 Q Now, I know change in dates sometimes and  
11 time frames is a little difficult so I want you to think  
12 about where we're going now because I'm going to give you a  
13 new day, okay?

14 A Okay.

15 Q A new date, and I'm putting in front of you a  
16 document that we've marked as Exhibit 3, okay?

17 (Document shown to the witness.)

18 A Yes.

19 Q And it's a one, two, three, four page  
20 document and we'll have a chance to look at it and it's  
21 entitled Marian Manor, okay?

22 A Yes.

23 Q So let's think about Marian Manor for a  
24 second?

25 A Yes.

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1 Q What is Marian Manor?

2 A It's a Catholic nursing home. The nuns run  
3 it.

4 Q It's run by the Carmelite Sisters?

5 A I don't know if they're Carmelite or not but  
6 I think they are but I never asked which branch they were in  
7 but I was very friendly with them.

8 Q And this document we're looking at appears to  
9 be an application that you were applying to become a  
10 resident at Marian Manor?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And I just noticed that it's written and I  
13 know it's not in your handwriting?

14 A No.

15 Q And I look at the back page -- excuse me, I'm  
16 looking (pause) --

17 A They have Deborah Gaughan down here.

18 Q Yeah. I'm looking at the document and did  
19 you fill this out when you had gone to Marian Manor to visit  
20 Marian Manor, do you recall?

21 A Well, I know the secretary there, the social  
22 worker did all the writing. I didn't do any writing.

23 Q The social worker was writing this out?

24 A Yes, asking me questions and writing it down.

25 Q When you were there, were you there by

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1 yourself that day?

2 A Deborah drove me down.

3 Q And, if I go back to the third page of this  
4 document, it says, "Referred by," and that means referred to  
5 Marian Manor and it has Deborah Gaughan's name there?

6 A Yes.

7 Q So she helped you find --

8 A Yes, she drove me down and sat with me and  
9 drove me back home.

10 Q Now, this is dated July 24th, 2001 so now the  
11 time frame we're talking about is in the year 2001. That's  
12 about three years ago, a little over three years ago?

13 A Yes.

14 Q So I'm looking at this document and it looks  
15 like you were applying to Marian Manor to possibly go live  
16 there; is that correct?

17 A Yes.

18 Q I'll just pull it away from you a second and  
19 I'll give it right back to you?

20 A That's all right.

21 Q Now, in the application, it asks for why  
22 you're considering moving into Marian Manor and at that time  
23 you said, and I can read it here, it says, "Can't live  
24 alone, need help with shopping, need a companionship, can't  
25 walk up 60 stairs." Where you were living in your

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1 apartment --

2 A There was 65 when you did laundry.

3 Q When you did laundry?

4 A 65.

5 Q You were on the third floor --

6 A Yes.

7 Q -- of the apartment building and it was a  
8 walk-up, there was no elevator, was there?

9 A Yes.

10 Q So you were looking to live somewhere where  
11 you didn't have to walk up stairs?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And you wanted people around you that were  
14 your age?

15 A Yes. I had tried previously to get into the  
16 senior apartments but they were fixing them up and I  
17 couldn't wait and I had made my application so I waited  
18 awhile but I had to get out because I already paid for  
19 apartment for a month and I didn't move so I had to move to  
20 Marian Manor.

21 Q Again, I'm still looking here at the  
22 application that you filled out?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And, again, it says that you were referred to  
25 Marian Manor by your friend Deborah Gaughan?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Now, I'm going back to the first page of this  
3 again, okay?

4 A Okay.

5 Q And it has some of your history. It has some  
6 of your history and it says that you lived at that Hyde Park  
7 address for about thirty years. So, back when you filled  
8 out this application, you were telling Marian Manor that you  
9 had lived in that apartment for about thirty years, do you  
10 recall that?

11 A I don't recall how many years. I can't tell  
12 you, I don't recall it but I don't think it was that -- I  
13 don't remember.

14 Q And it says you were affiliated with the  
15 Saint Peter's Lithuanian Church of South Boston?

16 A Well, when I was growing up, that was my  
17 church, that was in South Boston.

18 Q So your parents were Lithuanian?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Had they moved over from Lithuania?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Growing up, did you speak English in the  
23 household or did you speak Lithuanian?

24 A Yes, I went to school and studied it.

25 Q Lithuanian?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Can you still speak Lithuanian?

3 A Yes, I can.

4 Q Why don't you say something in Lithuanian for  
5 me?

6 A (Unintelligible to court reporter.)

7 Q And, not speaking Lithuanian, what does that  
8 mean?

9 A How are you.

10 Q If I wanted to respond to you, what would I  
11 have to say back?

12 A (Unintelligible to court reporter.) That  
13 means very good.

14 Q And you still have a chance to speak  
15 Lithuanian from time to time?

16 A No. Well, I'm not supposed to go -- I could  
17 tell you more but I don't know if I have --

18 Q Do you have a chance to speak some other  
19 languages? Do you like to speak languages?

20 A Yes. I like Spanish and my father used to  
21 speak German so I like languages.

22 Q So you speak Spanish?

23 A Well, I do. I forgot a lot because I had  
24 nobody to talk to with Spanish.

25 Q I think you related to me earlier a story

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1 about you were learning to speak Chinese from a friend also?

2 A Yes, my friend was teaching me Chinese but we  
3 were separated and time marched on.

4 Q Now, let's go back again back in July of  
5 2001, back in July of 2001, just pull another copy of it so  
6 I can look at it, down on the bottom in this first page you  
7 said that in 2001 you had a Power of Attorney and the power  
8 of attorney's name was who?

9 A Deborah.

10 Q Deborah?

11 A Yes.

12 Q So Deborah continued to be your power of  
13 attorney --

14 A Yes.

15 Q -- when you went to live at Marian Manor?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Did you ultimately move into Marian Manor?

18 A I applied, I think it was, in July. In  
19 August, I was trying how to do with the furniture and  
20 everything but I know I was paying rent for Marian Manor and  
21 I didn't live there so I made up my mind the next month to  
22 move so that would be July, August, about September.

23 Q And, when you were moving into Marian Manor,  
24 you went to see an attorney to help you move, didn't you?

25 A Yes.

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1 Q And back here on the third page of this  
2 document, in the application it asks you who your attorney  
3 was at that time and now you don't have Mr. Kerr's name  
4 anymore, you have Walter Kelly's name?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Why did Walter Kelly become your attorney at  
7 that time?

8 A Well, Mr. Kerr retired.

9 Q And you had approached Mr. Kelly to help you  
10 move into Marian Manor?

11 A He said he would help me and he would store  
12 my furniture -- not furniture, any of my goods, personal  
13 belongings in his basement but I found out he lied, he put  
14 them in his office cellar.

15 Q Now, did Mr. Kelly help you find Marian  
16 Manor?

17 A No, he had nothing to do with it.

18 Q That was Deborah Gaughan?

19 A Gaughan, yes.

20 Q Now, I also see, and if I could show you on  
21 the same page, it has a couple levels of care that Marian  
22 Manor had and, when you were applying to Marian Manor, it  
23 appears that you were asking for some type of private living  
24 quarters and you said that you didn't need any health care  
25 services?

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1 A No.

2 Q Is that what you were looking for at Marian  
3 Manor?

4 A No, I wasn't looking for help but they have  
5 their own doctor and nurses that we were well taken care of.

6 Q Now, you did move into Marian Manor and that  
7 was about in September?

8 A Yes.

9 Q November of 2000 --

10 A 1.

11 Q 2001?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And, when you moved into Marian Manor, did  
14 you have a private room all to yourself?

15 A No. I had a roommate.

16 Q So you lived in a room with another, was it  
17 another lady?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Did you have difficulty at times living with  
20 someone?

21 A Yes, because she had Alzheimer's disease and  
22 we were not that compatible.

23 Q And all those years you lived back in your  
24 apartment you had lived by yourself, hadn't you?

25 A Yes.

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1 Q So that was a little bit of an adjustment,  
2 wasn't it?

3 A It was quite an adjustment, yes.

4 Q Do you recall how long you lived at Marian  
5 Manor? Was there a time you moved out of Marian Manor?

6 A Well, I went to Bay View, I moved out but it  
7 was a couple years or so. I don't remember years exactly.

8 Q Let me show you another document now that we  
9 marked as Exhibit 4. There's a 4 at the top here, okay?

10 (Document shown to the witness.)

11 A Yes.

12 Q And, again, it almost looks like that  
13 Exhibit 1 and that Exhibit 2 that I showed you and it says  
14 it's a Durable Power of Attorney and it has your name on it  
15 again, Helen Runge?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Now, it has a new address and it says  
18 130 Dorchester Street, South Boston. Do you recall what was  
19 at Dorchester Street?

20 A That's Marian Manor.

21 Q So that's the address of Marian Manor?

22 A Marian Manor, yes.

23 Q So this document I now have in front of you  
24 is, again, it's a four page document, okay, do you see it,  
25 one, two, three, four and I'm going to the last page?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q And there's a signature there and it looks to  
3 be Helen A. Runge. Is that your signature?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And this document is dated, what date is  
6 that?

7 A The 7th day of -- I haven't got my glasses.  
8 What is that, can you see it?

9 Q December.

10 A December.

11 Q 2001?

12 A 2001, yes.

13 Q And it appears that this Power of Attorney  
14 that you signed isn't appointing Deborah like the others but  
15 now it appoints Walter Kelly as your power of attorney?

16 A That's what he did.

17 Q Do you recall why you appointed Mr. Kelly  
18 your power of attorney?

19 A I don't know. I don't remember.

20 Q Had he suggested that he become your power of  
21 attorney?

22 A He must have, but I don't remember.

23 Q Were you still friendly with Deborah at that  
24 time?

25 A Yes. We still are.

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1 Q And you're still very friendly with her?

2 A Yeah. I just showed you a picture. Love her  
3 for years, she is nice.

4 Q Now, as I understand -- and, again, we're  
5 going to change dates a little here, okay?

6 A Okay.

7 Q Now, you had moved into Marian Manor in the  
8 fall of 2001?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And I understand that you moved into a  
11 facility called Bay View?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Bay View, and you moved into that sometime in  
14 the fall of 2002?

15 A 2.

16 Q 2002?

17 A Yes.

18 Q So you were at Marian Manor for --

19 A About a year.

20 Q -- about a year, a little over a year?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And I understand Bay View is a facility that  
23 they commonly refer to as an assisted living facility; is  
24 that correct?

25 A I don't know about assisted. I didn't pay

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1 the rent.

2 Q It wasn't a nursing home, was it?

3 A No. Marian Manor was the first time I went  
4 in.

5 Q When you were at Bay View, when you were at  
6 Bay View, did you live with someone in a room?

7 A No, I had a private room.

8 Q And you liked that, didn't you?

9 A I liked that very much.

10 Q In your private room, you had an opportunity  
11 to have some of your own things?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Personal possessions?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Now, when you were at Marian Manor -- I don't  
16 mean to confuse you hopping back and forth and I'll try not  
17 to do that -- when you were at Marian Manor, who was paying  
18 your bills and paying your financial (pause) --

19 A I took care of my own things, yes.

20 Q Now, when you moved to Bay View, when you  
21 went to Bay View, who was paying your bills at Bay View?

22 A I didn't have any. It was taken away from  
23 me.

24 Q At Bay View or were you still paying your  
25 stuff while you were at Bay View?

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1           A     I had something but I don't remember exactly  
2 how many I did because there was so much going back and  
3 forth.

4           Q     Now, let me just show you one more document  
5 before I confuse you too much on time frames but this is a  
6 document that is marked Exhibit No. 5, you see that, and  
7 it's a one, two, three, four, five page document and it's  
8 entitled at the top, "Massachusetts Health Care Proxy," do  
9 you see that?

10                   (Document shown to the witness.)

11           A     Yes.

12           Q     Now, I'll take you back to that last page of  
13 it, actually to the next to last page and there's a  
14 signature on the next to last page and it appears to say  
15 Helen Runge?

16           A     Yes.

17           Q     Is that your signature?

18           A     Yes.

19           Q     And there's a date above it but it doesn't  
20 look like your writing but there's a date above it, it says  
21 May 10th?

22           A     I didn't write that.

23           Q     It says May 10th, 2002. So, on May 10th,  
24 2002, you were still living at Marian Manor?

25           A     Yeah.

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1 Q And it appears that by this document you're  
2 appointing Walter J. Kelly as your health care proxy. Do  
3 you recall why you appointed Mr. Kelly your health care  
4 proxy?

5 A No.

6 Q Do you recall whether that was your idea or  
7 whether that was Mr. Kelly's idea or that was someone else's  
8 idea to do that?

9 A It was somebody else's, I don't know.

10 Q Do you recall Mr. Kelly bringing this to you  
11 and showing this to you?

12 A No.

13 Q Also just point out here on the first page  
14 there's a gentleman that you were also appointing by the  
15 name of Michael Rossman?

16 A I never heard of him, I don't know.

17 Q Do you know a Mr. Rossman?

18 A No.

19 Q Do you know who he is?

20 A No.

21 Q I apologize again for jumping back and  
22 forth --

23 A That's all right.

24 Q -- in time frames?

25 A That's part of the fun.

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1 Q Now we're back in the fall of 2002?

2 A Yes.

3 Q So you've already lived at Marian Manor for a  
4 year and now you've moved to Bay View and you have your own  
5 room?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Was Bay View located close to the ocean or  
8 water?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Did you enjoy that?

11 A I enjoyed that.

12 Q How was the food at Bay View?

13 A Very good.

14 Q Yeah? Did you enjoy eating there?

15 A I enjoyed it there.

16 Q Did you have a group of people that you ate  
17 with?

18 A Yes. They were very nice.

19 Q How did you share meals with them?

20 A Pardon me?

21 Q How did you share meals? Did you sit at the  
22 same table with folks in the evening?

23 A Well, first come first serve, picked your  
24 own.

25 Q How were the desserts there, were they pretty

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1 good?

2 A I liked my dessert. I always had two.

3 Q Did everyone get two desserts there at Bay  
4 View?

5 A They only got one, I had two.

6 Q They made special arrangements, hmm?

7 A Well, they have it in their hand like that,  
8 "Which one." I say, "Both of them."

9 Q Now, when you were there at Bay View, when  
10 you were at Bay View --

11 A Yes.

12 Q -- every month you had to pay your rent, so  
13 to speak, at Bay View?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Do you recall writing checks out and taking  
16 care of your own funds there?

17 A I don't remember writing anything because  
18 everything was taken away from me.

19 Q Now, remember we're at Bay View, we're not at  
20 Sunbridge?

21 A Yeah, but I don't remember. I can say this,  
22 that I don't remember.

23 Q That's fair enough.

24 A I don't want to say something wrong. That  
25 would be like lying and I don't remember.

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1 Q Did you have any problems when you were at  
2 Bay View that you got upset? I recall that you told me a  
3 story about your drug card or your medicine card?

4 A Yeah, it was stolen.

5 Q And it was stolen from your room --

6 A Yes.

7 Q -- or out of your purse?

8 A No, at my room. I kept everything -- I  
9 figured it's my room but it was gone.

10 Q And did you bring that to the attention of  
11 the people that ran the place?

12 A Yeah.

13 Q Did they take care of that for you, did they  
14 fix that problem?

15 A No. They were ordering on it.

16 Q Ordering, when you say ordering, they were  
17 ordering medicines?

18 A They were ordering medicine.

19 Q Did that upset you?

20 A Very much because they had no right to order  
21 them because the Edison Company was paying for it.

22 Q Was there a time in January of 2003 that you  
23 got upset again with them ordering stuff on your card?

24 A Well, all I remember is they were ordering  
25 medicine.

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1 Q Did you call the police about it?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did you call 911 and report that?

4 A Yes, I had the police down but they couldn't  
5 do anything right then and there.

6 Q And that night when you called 911, do you  
7 recall Mr. Kelly coming to visit you that evening?

8 A No. As far as I know or remember, I don't  
9 remember him.

10 Q Did he come to visit you very often?

11 A No. He only came -- I don't even remember if  
12 I could count on my fingers how many times so few.

13 Q Did he come to visit you when you were back  
14 in Marian Manor?

15 A I don't remember, maybe he came once and  
16 that's it.

17 Q And then I understand there was a time then  
18 when you were at Bay View in January of 2003 that you were  
19 taken to Carney Hospital, you were taken to Carney Hospital,  
20 do you recall that?

21 A Yeah.

22 Q Do you remember why you were taken to Carney  
23 Hospital?

24 A I don't know why Mr. Kelly ordered it. I  
25 don't know why I had to go.

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1 Q That night when you called 911, do you  
2 remember Mr. Kelly there and kind of --

3 A Because I didn't want to go and I was very  
4 obstinate but I says, "I'd have to leave everything," and  
5 Mr. Kelly went like this (indicating) to say that I'm  
6 mental, don't pay any attention to me.

7 Q And he was making that gesture to the staff?

8 A Yeah, like a loose screw.

9 Q And that was there while you were at Marian  
10 Manor -- or, excuse me, while you were at Bay View?

11 A Bay View.

12 Q Thank you for correcting me. So then they  
13 took you to Carney Hospital that evening?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And you stayed there a couple days?

16 A It was more than a couple days but exactly I  
17 can't remember.

18 Q And then they left you go out of Carney  
19 Hospital?

20 A Yes.

21 Q They discharged you, I think, is the proper  
22 term?

23 A Yes, they discharged me and then I had to go  
24 to (pause) --

25 Q Now, did they take you back to Bay View when

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1 you left Carney Hospital?

2 A No. I went to Sunbridge.

3 Q Sunbridge?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And Sunbridge is a nursing home, I believe  
6 it's in, what town is that in?

7 A Randolph.

8 Q Randolph, Massachusetts?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And had you asked to go to Sunbridge when you  
11 left Carney Hospital?

12 A I never heard of it. No, I didn't ask. No,  
13 I did not ask because I never heard of that place.

14 Q How did you get between the hospital and  
15 Sunbridge?

16 A In an ambulance.

17 Q In an ambulance?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So Mr. Kelly didn't take you?

20 A No.

21 Q When you got in the ambulance, did you think  
22 you were going to Sunbridge or did you think you were going  
23 back to Marian Manor?

24 A He wasn't in the ambulance.

25 Q I understand that, but, when you got in the

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1 ambulance when you left the hospital, did you know that you  
2 were going to Sunbridge?

3 A No, I didn't know where I was going.

4 Q What type of place was Sunbridge?

5 A Well, my opinion, to me it was like a  
6 dungeon.

7 Q Were you happy at Sunbridge?

8 A No.

9 Q Were you happy like you were happy at Bay  
10 View?

11 A I was a little happier till they stole and  
12 then I lost that.

13 Q Let me show you then another document, okay?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And this is one that we've marked as Exhibit 6,  
16 you see the Exhibit 6 here on the top?

17 (Document shown to the witness.)

18 Q And that appears to be a handwritten  
19 document. Have you seen that document before today, is that  
20 familiar to you?

21 A This says No. 6.

22 Q Yeah, and there's a date on the top, it  
23 says --

24 A March 12th.

25 Q -- March 12th of 2003?

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1 A 3, yes.

2 Q Does that appear to be your handwriting, is  
3 that your handwriting, Mrs. Runge?

4 A It must be.

5 Q Why don't we take a look at that document?

6 A It doesn't look too much like it but what it  
7 says it's mine. Yeah, that must be mine because nobody else  
8 would know that. (Indicating.)

9 Q Why don't we just look at it together? It  
10 says, "Dear Mr. Kelly?"

11 A Yeah.

12 Q You see that?

13 A "Dear Mr. Kelly."

14 Q It says, "Dear Mr. Kelly, it was nice to see  
15 you again. Next time bring something of mine as I do miss a  
16 lot?"

17 A Yeah.

18 Q "Even a newspaper is something?"

19 A Yes.

20 Q So Mr. Kelly had obviously visited you?

21 A No, that's why I was looking for something.

22 Q Do you have some glasses you want me to go  
23 get?

24 A I can see it.

25 Q You can read it okay by yourself?

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1 A Yeah.

2 Q So you're referencing on March 12th to Mr.  
3 Kelly that it was nice to have seen him?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So you must have seen him recently then,  
6 right?

7 A Yes, it must have been.

8 Q And were you asking him in that first  
9 paragraph of your letter that you wanted him to bring you  
10 something?

11 A A newspaper.

12 Q You didn't even have a newspaper?

13 A No, nothing.

14 Q Then you go on to say, "There is a nursing  
15 home in Hyde Park I am curious about by the location, not  
16 the one on Truman Parkway, as I have seen that one. The  
17 other is by the near the library." So you were asking him  
18 about a nursing home?

19 A Yes, he always didn't recommend them.

20 Q So you were suggesting that you get --

21 A I wanted out.

22 Q You wanted out of Sunbridge?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q You were at Sunbridge at this time, correct?

25 A Yes.

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1 Q And you wanted out?

2 A I wanted out.

3 Q Then you go on to say, "I do miss my phone  
4 and telephone books all latest. I miss my purses with -- "

5 A Cash.

6 Q " -- cash in them." So did you have any  
7 money at all when you were here at Sunbridge?

8 A Nothing.

9 Q Did you have your checkbooks?

10 A No.

11 Q Did you have any of your financial papers?

12 A No.

13 Q Did you have your personal effects?

14 A Nothing, very few.

15 Q So all that stuff that was with you over at  
16 Bay View hadn't come over to Sunbridge?

17 A No.

18 Q Did you ask Mr. Kelly to bring it to you?

19 A He said he'd take care of them and put them  
20 in his basement but it wasn't, it was in the office  
21 basement.

22 Q And he didn't make any arrangements to bring --

23 A I never see him. He wasn't interested.

24 Q Your letter goes on to say, "I need cash when  
25 we go to Wal-Mart trip. I do not even have a dime."

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1 A Yeah.

2 Q So you didn't have any money at all?

3 A (Shook head in the negative.)

4 Q Then you say, "Just thinking of this place I  
5 cry, I am so unhappy. Right now I feel better off taking an  
6 apartment for the elderly like the Blake Estates?"

7 A Yes, that's a senior citizens, they help you,  
8 they go by your income, the rent, yes.

9 Q When you said that, "Just thinking of this  
10 place I cry, I am so unhappy -- "

11 A That's right.

12 Q -- what did you think about Sunbridge, what  
13 did you think about that nursing home?

14 A I haven't got even enough words to tell you.  
15 I just didn't like it at all. To me, it was like a dungeon.

16 Q When you were at Sunbridge, where did you  
17 live? I mean, did you have your own room there?

18 A I had a roommate.

19 Q You had a roommate?

20 A Yes.

21 Q So you had one other person in your room?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q Who was that, do you recall?

24 A I don't know her name but she was a black  
25 woman. That's all. We didn't have anything in common.

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1 Q Now, were there different floors at  
2 Sunbridge? Was there a first floor, second floor, third  
3 floor?

4 A Yeah, first floor, second floor and a third  
5 floor.

6 Q Which floor did you live on?

7 A I lived on the third floor.

8 Q Now, on the third floor, a lot of times in  
9 nursing homes floors have locks on them so you can't get  
10 out?

11 A That's right.

12 Q Could people get off the third floor?

13 A You had to get on and get off at the third  
14 floor. People work there, they get on and off and patients,  
15 if they know how to go, they go.

16 Q Did you learn how to get off the third floor?

17 A I wanted to make sure, I wanted to get  
18 around. I was tired of just sitting there.

19 Q How did you learn to get off the third floor?

20 A Well, there was a code to get the elevator  
21 and I watched them at different times, what they were  
22 pressing and I memorized it so that I know when I got on I  
23 know how to go down.

24 Q And, when you went down, where did you go  
25 down to?

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1 A I went down to the second floor, the first  
2 floor.

3 Q Why did you go down to the second floor?

4 A Well, they had a TV there and I had asked  
5 somebody to turn it on for me and I'd sit there and I'd  
6 watch the TV.

7 Q Was there a TV up on the third floor?

8 A Yes, there was one but you never could get  
9 near it because there were a lot of patients there.

10 Q And then you went down to the first floor at  
11 times?

12 A The lunch room was down on the first floor,  
13 the papers or the machine to make, the copier was down there  
14 and there was another lady down there that helps you. She  
15 was very nice to me. The door was locked, you couldn't get  
16 out.

17 Q Now, we're still looking at this letter that  
18 you wrote to Mr. Kelly back in March of 2003, if I can go  
19 over to the second page of it with you, and you're telling  
20 him that one of your sweaters was stolen --

21 A Yes, yeah.

22 Q -- while you were there and then, after that,  
23 you say, "How am I -- "

24 A "Going to fill out my income tax."

25 Q "I always went to -- "

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1 A "HR Block."

2 Q So you were concerned with how you were going  
3 to do your income tax in March because April was coming up,  
4 right?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And you had always done your taxes?

7 A Yes. I didn't make it, I went to HR Block.

8 Q Did you have any of your legal papers or your  
9 papers to do your taxes?

10 A I wasn't getting anything.

11 Q You say, "I do not have any of my data for  
12 income tax forms?"

13 A "I cannot even get them to make the income  
14 tax form."

15 Q What did you mean by that?

16 A I can't go there, I have no papers. They  
17 were taken from me.

18 Q They were taken, so you didn't --

19 A I didn't receive them in order to take them  
20 but I didn't have anything.

21 Q Let me just, let's go down to the last  
22 paragraph of the letter and all we're trying to do is  
23 remember what you were writing about at that time?

24 A "You've got me into here and please help me  
25 out of here."

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1 Q By that, you were asking Mr. Kelly to get you  
2 out of Sunbridge?

3 A (No verbal response.)

4 Q You're writing this letter to Mr. Kelly,  
5 right?

6 A Yeah.

7 Q And he was the attorney?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And, in that paragraph, you say, "You got me  
10 into here and please help me get out of here?"

11 A Help me out of here, yeah.

12 Q So you were asking Mr. Kelly --

13 A Yes.

14 Q -- to get you out of Sunbridge?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did he help you get out of Sunbridge?

17 A I never saw him.

18 Q Did Mr. Kelly come to see you after you wrote  
19 him this letter?

20 A I only think I saw him once or twice all the  
21 time I was there but it was for his own benefit.

22 Q Let me just hop forward in the letter. If  
23 I'm confusing you --

24 A No, you're not confusing me, no, dear.

25 Q Now, at the bottom of this letter to Mr.

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1 Kelly, you say, if we can go there, it says, "I am still  
2 waiting to see doctors for eyes, ophthalmologist and not  
3 just an optometrist; teeth, overdue for cleaning and  
4 checkup, bleed gums; feet, have developed bunions, callouses  
5 and ingrown nails; skin, bites all over; hair, loss in  
6 bunches, haircut, over." So you were asking Mr. Kelly to  
7 help you get some medical care, weren't you?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Did he ever help you get that?

10 A No, no help at all. He just laughed.

11 Q Then, at the end of that letter, let's go  
12 just to the last page, you say to Mr. Kelly, you say, "Hope  
13 to see you soon and my telephone with -- "

14 A Tone adjustments.

15 Q " -- tone adjustments placed on the wall?"

16 A Yes.

17 Q So, when you say tone adjustments, did you  
18 have to have a special phone so you could hear?

19 A Yes. The telephone company gave me the  
20 special telephone.

21 Q Did you have trouble hearing at that time?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Did you have a hearing aid then?

24 A No.

25 Q Did Mr. Kelly know that you were hard of

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1 hearing?

2 A Yeah, but he didn't do anything.

3 Q He didn't help you get a hearing aid?

4 A No.

5 Q Do you have a hearing aid now, Mrs. Runge?

6 A Yes. Dorothy and Gilbert made sure that I  
7 went to an ear doctor and got one and I have one in my ear  
8 now.

9 Q And you can hear me talking pretty well?

10 A Yes.

11 Q After you sent this March letter to Mr.  
12 Kelly, did he show up or did he give you a call and say,  
13 "I'm going to help you with these issues?"

14 A Nothing.

15 Q Were you a little discouraged by that?

16 A Oh, very discouraged.

17 Q Did you think he was doing what he should be  
18 doing?

19 A I knew he wasn't doing anything. I was  
20 getting very upset.

21 Q Let me then show you one more document, okay?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Now we're up to No. 7, okay? I'll put  
24 another document and, again, it looks like it's a  
25 handwritten document?

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1 (Document shown to the witness.)

2 A Yeah.

3 Q Is that your handwriting, Mrs. Runge?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Down at the bottom it's signed, "Love you,  
6 Mother." So you must have been writing that to Dorothy?

7 A Yes.

8 Q At the top where you say, "Dearest Dorothy,"  
9 you were obviously writing to Dorothy Stanley, your  
10 daughter?

11 A Yes.

12 Q I'm not sure, there's not a date on that --

13 A No, there's no date.

14 Q -- but we did have a chance to photostat the  
15 envelope and the envelope is dated 24 March, 2003?

16 A Um-hmm.

17 Q So it seems like you, at least, mailed this  
18 letter about a week or so after you wrote to Mr. Kelly. Do  
19 you recall writing a letter to Dorothy?

20 A No, I don't recall.

21 Q No?

22 A No.

23 Q Well, let's just take a look at the letter  
24 then for a moment and, if I read it incorrectly, you correct  
25 me, okay?

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1 A Yeah.

2 Q It says, "Dearest Dorothy," and why don't you  
3 read it for me after that?

4 A "I am sorry for the delay writing to you. I  
5 have moved again now to above address." That was the  
6 Sunbridge.

7 Q That was Sunbridge?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And that was in Randolph, Massachusetts?

10 A Yes, in Randolph, Mass.

11 Q Okay.

12 A "I was taken here without my knowledge and  
13 now I am stuck. I don't know why."

14 Q What do you mean by that, you were taken  
15 there without your knowledge?

16 A They didn't tell me anything.

17 Q So Mr. Kelly hadn't told you anything about  
18 it?

19 A Nothing, nothing.

20 Q What else does your letter say there?

21 A "Wish you were nearer so you would see the  
22 lawyer Mr. Kelly and find out if a decent place can be found  
23 in local Boston. He is very evasive. I just hate it here.  
24 It is like a prison."

25 Q So you were saying that Mr. Kelly wasn't

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1 giving you any answers?

2 A No. He was, I say evasive, he was avoiding  
3 me.

4 Q And you were trying to contact him?

5 A When I couldn't get him on the phone, I  
6 wrote. What else could I do?

7 Q Then your letter says, I think, let's pick it  
8 up there, it says, "I think I need -- "

9 A " -- a new lawyer. I have had no mail,  
10 checks and so on. I just wonder what he is doing. All  
11 legal papers, money, jewelry he has. I think it is time for  
12 a new lawyer and a good talking with all of us together. I  
13 could not write as I had no paper, envelopes, postage stamps  
14 and so on. Wish you could make a trip here to straighten  
15 things out. The place is situated in the middle of nowhere.  
16 I was taken here under false pretenses. Hope to hear from  
17 you soon. Love, your mother."

18 Q Then it says, "over," and I think there's  
19 just a little bit more on the next page. There's a "PS"?

20 A "I need to see some doctors for my eyes,  
21 losing my sight; teeth, teeth need cleaning and so on; ears,  
22 I need a hearing aid; skin needs a skin doctor. I am very,  
23 very upset."

24 Q So you wrote that letter to Dorothy at the  
25 end of March?

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1 A She came but I don't remember the dates.

2 Q So she came to visit you --

3 A She did, her and Gilbert.

4 Q -- soon after you sent this letter?

5 A Yes.

6 MR. DAVIS: We've been going for about an hour  
7 now and why don't we take a little five minute  
8 break --

9 WITNESS: Okay.

10 MR. DAVIS: -- and that will give you a chance  
11 to just relax for a second and that'll give us a  
12 chance to also change some paper in the Stenographic  
13 machine and also change the tapes, all right?

14 WITNESS: That would be fine.

15 (Recess taken.)

16 Q Mrs. Runge, we're back on. Remember what I  
17 said the record, we had taken a break so you could have a  
18 cup of tea and you had a couple crackers and you just took a  
19 break --

20 A Yes.

21 Q -- and we're back now and I understand that  
22 we had gone for about an hour and I told you that we'd go  
23 for an hour or so and take a break so you could get your  
24 energy back?

25 A Wonderful.

1 Q So we're back now and let me just refresh  
2 your memory where we were before we took our break. We had  
3 been looking at a document and we had marked that Exhibit 7 --

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- and that was a document that I believe we  
6 had identified as a letter you had written to Dorothy?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And you had written that letter to Dorothy at  
9 the end of March, I believe, of 2003. We had looked at the  
10 date of the envelope?

11 A Yeah.

12 Q In the letter to Dorothy, you had read it for  
13 us but you were, in essence, asking her if she could come up  
14 and help you with your situation there at Sunbridge?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q And you were living at that point at  
17 Sunbridge Nursing Home in Randolph, Massachusetts?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So where we are is we're in March of last  
20 year and I understand that you had told us just before we  
21 took our break that Dorothy and Gilbert did come up and  
22 visit you?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And they had come up and visited you at the  
25 end of April, about a month after you had written this

1 letter?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And you recall that they came into your room  
4 and they spent a day or two with you, didn't they?

5 A I don't know exactly how much time but they  
6 did the best they could for the circumstances.

7 Q Let me now take this document, this letter  
8 that you wrote to Dorothy out in front of you and I'm going  
9 to put another document in front of you and we're not going  
10 to look at it right away but it's a document that we've  
11 marked Exhibit 8. So between the letter you wrote to  
12 Dorothy at the end of March when she came up to visit you  
13 you were still a resident at Sunbridge Nursing Home?

14 A Yes.

15 Q At some point, you had kind of stopped taking  
16 some of your medication at Sunbridge, hadn't you?

17 A Yes, because they were pills that I never saw  
18 before.

19 Q When you took those pills, what happened to  
20 you?

21 A I slept almost up to late afternoon.

22 Q When you stopped taking those pills, you were  
23 more alert?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And you didn't sleep as much, did you?



1 A No.

2 Q Did they get upset with you when they found  
3 out you had stopped taking your pills?

4 A Yes. They made sure the nurse stood there  
5 while I, to make sure I took them.

6 Q Now, when Dorothy arrived in the end of  
7 April, there was this issue of you not wanting to take your  
8 medication?

9 A Yeah. I was afraid.

10 Q Did you try to tell Mr. Kelly that you didn't  
11 want to take that medication?

12 A I don't remember what I said to him.

13 Q Now, you were making telephone calls to Mr.  
14 Kelly from time to time?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q And was he returning your phone calls?

17 A No.

18 Q Now, Dorothy and Gilbert came to visit you in  
19 the end of April, do you recall that?

20 A I know they came, yes.

21 Q And that first day when they came to visit  
22 you you spent all day with them talking and going over  
23 things, didn't you?

24 A Yeah.

25 Q Do you recall going out for some ice cream

1 that day?

2 A No, I don't remember much at all. I was very  
3 unhappy or upset, I don't remember, but it was nice to see  
4 them.

5 Q Now, let me have you focus down on that  
6 document I have in front of you and it's marked as Exhibit 8,  
7 do you see that?

8 (Document shown to the witness.)

9 A This is 8 here.

10 Q Yes.

11 A Yeah.

12 Q And Exhibit 8 has a date on it, doesn't it?

13 A Yeah, April 29.

14 Q 2003?

15 A 3, yes.

16 Q And that's a letter that's addressed to who?  
17 Could you read that for us?

18 A Yeah. "Dear Mr. Kelly, This letter revokes  
19 any and all Powers of Attorney, letters of authorization and  
20 any other documents authorizing you on my behalf. This is  
21 effective immediately as of nine A.M. on the date of this  
22 letter. Please provide copies of all financial transactions  
23 you have executed on my behalf over the last nine months.  
24 These copies are to be furnished to Dorothy Helen Stanley,  
25 5 Stirrup Downs, Columbus, North Carolina."

1 Q And then there's another paragraph?

2 A Do you want --

3 Q (Nodded head in the affirmative.) There's  
4 another paragraph.

5 A "And also provide all property belonging to  
6 me that you are holding for me to the above named person.  
7 Please make this property, including jewelry, available for  
8 pick up at your office by May 3, 2003."

9 Q And then there's a signature?

10 A Helen Runge, date April 29, 2003, Randolph,  
11 Mass.

12 Q And then that letter is notarized by a  
13 gentleman, you see that down here?

14 A Now you're going down here?

15 Q Yeah. You had it notarized?

16 A Notarized.

17 Q You see that?

18 A John, I don't know, I can't read his writing.

19 Q But Gilbert and Dorothy gave you that letter  
20 and asked you to look at it and sign it, do you recall that?

21 A No.

22 Q You don't recall this?

23 A No. I don't recall a lot.

24 Q So that time period is a little confusing to  
25 you?

1 A Yeah.

2 Q But, when Gilbert and Dorothy came up to see  
3 you, they ultimately took you out of (pause) --

4 A Yes.

5 Q And can you tell me what happened? What do  
6 you recall about them taking you out of Sunbridge?

7 A Well, they were following them. They didn't  
8 want them to talk to me.

9 Q Who didn't?

10 A The help, the nurses, the help, they weren't  
11 helping me and they were afraid they might take me, I guess,  
12 because they were watching but I didn't know anything, I  
13 didn't know what was going on. I just watched them and then  
14 they took me downstairs and Gilbert says, "Get in the car,"  
15 and away we went.

16 Q Did you see Mr. Kelly at that time? Did Mr.  
17 Kelly come when Gilbert and Dorothy were there?

18 A No. Mr. Kelly, I didn't see him. He was  
19 there but I didn't see him.

20 Q Did you want Mr. Kelly to continue to work  
21 for you at that time?

22 A No, I didn't want him at all.

23 Q You commonly refer to it that you would have  
24 wanted to fire him?

25 A I don't want to even see him again.

1 Q Now, Dorothy and Gilbert took you out of  
2 Sunbridge?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Did you get into a car?

5 A Yes, got into the car and there was a group  
6 of them, about nine of them, all talking to each other and  
7 looking at what's going on, how come I'm in the car and I'm  
8 not supposed to even go out and Gilbert took off.

9 Q You wanted to go with Dorothy, didn't you?

10 A Oh, of course I wanted to go and away we went  
11 but I didn't know what was going on. I knew something was  
12 going on and I just kept my mouth shut and followed  
13 directions and away we went.

14 Q Now, Dorothy didn't physically force you to  
15 go with her, did she?

16 A No, nobody forced me, no.

17 Q After you left with Dorothy and Gilbert there  
18 on the 29th and 30th, have you talked to Mr. Kelly since  
19 that day?

20 A (Shook head in the negative.)

21 Q No?

22 A Not that I remember anything.

23 Q And Carol here that's taking this  
24 Stenographically, when you shake your head no, she can't  
25 say, "no," you have to say, "yes," or, "no."

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1 A No.

2 Q Did you talk to Mr. Kelly? So that day or  
3 since then you've never again talked to Mr. Kelly?

4 A No, no, sir, I don't think I've talked to  
5 him. I think he's afraid of me now.

6 Q Did you tell Mr. Kelly that he could do  
7 things on your behalf since that day you left Sunbridge?

8 A I haven't seen him or spoken to him.

9 Q Did you tell Mr. Kelly that he could spend  
10 any of your money in your bank accounts?

11 A Absolutely no.

12 Q After you left that day in April with Dorothy  
13 and Gilbert, where did you go?

14 A Well, we were heading to go to North Carolina  
15 but it's a long drive so we went to a hotel and had a  
16 night's sleep and to start off the next morning again.

17 Q And then you ultimately came down here?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And we're sitting here in North Carolina  
20 right now?

21 A Yes, and I've been here since.

22 Q And you enjoy it here in North Carolina?

23 A Yes, I'm enjoying it very much.

24 Q And Dorothy's taken pretty good care of you?

25 A Oh, yes, very fine girl.

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1 Q And you're happy here?

2 A I'm much happier.

3 Q And has she gotten you to your medical  
4 doctors?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And those are the doctors that in these  
7 letters we were looking at that Mr. Kelly didn't get you to?

8 A Mr. Kelly, every time I hear him, I can get  
9 along without him.

10 Q Now, I want to look at another document with  
11 you?

12 A Okay.

13 Q This is a document that we marked as Exhibit  
14 No. 9?

15 (Document shown to the witness.)

16 A Yes, No. 9, yeah, Temporary Probate and  
17 Trial.

18 Q I think it's been explained to you that Mr.  
19 Kelly started some court proceedings to have him appointed  
20 as a guardian on your behalf; are you aware of that?

21 A No.

22 Q You're not aware of that?

23 A No way.

24 Q Well, let's take a look at this document that  
25 is marked as Exhibit No. 9 then and up on the top it says

1 Commonwealth of Massachusetts?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And it's something that was filed in what's  
4 called Probate Court. Do you see the reference to Probate  
5 Court?

6 A Yes, Probate and Trial.

7 Q Then, if I could get you down here in the  
8 middle, it's a document that says, "I, Walter J. Kelly, am  
9 an attorney licensed to practice law in Massachusetts. I do  
10 depose and say under oath the following," you see that?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Let's look at a couple of those things and  
13 what I would intend to do, Mrs. Runge, would be let me read  
14 them and why don't you tell me whether that statement's true  
15 or false and then maybe we could talk a little bit about why  
16 it's true or why it's false, okay?

17 A Okay.

18 Q He says in his first paragraph and I'll read  
19 it for you verbatim, "I have as one of my clients Helen  
20 Runge formerly of Hyde Park,, Massachusetts. I have known  
21 Helen Runge for approximately ten years?"

22 A That's false. I didn't know him that long.

23 Q Did you really know Mr. Kelly before --

24 A No. I had Mr. Kerr was my attorney.

25 Q So he wasn't --



1 A No, he was not my attorney.

2 Q Then he goes on in that same paragraph to  
3 say, "She was a client of Attorney Peter Kerr who share  
4 office space with me until he retired in 1998," and Mr. Kerr  
5 did retire?

6 A Yes, he retired.

7 Q So that part of the statement is correct?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Let's look then at paragraph 2 and he says in  
10 that, he says, "Helen contacted me at the end of 2000,  
11 requested that I begin exploring assisting her to look for  
12 housing in an assisted living facility preferably Marian  
13 Manor in South Boston. She said she was alone in the world  
14 and wanted to start planning for her future.". Do you  
15 recall contacting Mr. Kelly and asking him to find you a  
16 place?

17 A I remember I spoke to him, when or where I  
18 don't know, but I wanted to go into a nursing home that's in  
19 Hyde Park. I'll be alone or somebody, but I would get out  
20 of Sunbridge.

21 Q Now, we had talked before and sometimes when  
22 we change time frames it's tough but this time frame 2000  
23 would have been back when Deborah and you were looking at  
24 places to live. Do you recall back when you --

25 A No, she wasn't looking for places for me.

1 She only took me to Marian Manor.

2 Q Oh, she took you to Marian Manor?

3 A Yes, drove me down and drove me back.

4 Q Then, after you went to Marian Manor, then  
5 Mr. Kelly helped you to move into there?

6 A He said he would help me but he says to leave  
7 all my furniture there and he would put my clothing and  
8 stuff in his basement but he never did that.

9 Q Let's then look, we'll go down to paragraph  
10 number 3, okay?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And it says, "Helen had been estranged from  
13 her daughter's family for over thirty years according to  
14 Helen and Helen told me that she had seen her daughter on  
15 only a few occasions during that time," and it goes on to  
16 state some more things but were you estranged from Helen for  
17 thirty years?

18 A No, that's a lie. We weren't estranged, we  
19 just lived far apart but that doesn't mean we were  
20 estranged.

21 Q Did you and Helen talk on the phone? Excuse  
22 me, Dorothy. Now I'm confused and you're not. Were you  
23 talking to Dorothy on the phone throughout that period of  
24 time?

25 A Well, not constantly because in the good

1 weather I'm going on trips. I was going on trips when I was  
2 able but we weren't that close because we were so far apart.

3 Q You talked on the phone?

4 A But we talked.

5 Q You wrote letters?

6 A I wrote, yes.

7 Q How about cards, did you send cards to each  
8 other?

9 A If I went on a trip, I sent a card or we  
10 talked but that wasn't constantly.

11 Q Now, let me just skip forward in that  
12 paragraph 3 and let me read a little more. It says, "Helen  
13 told me that she had never been invited to their home in  
14 North Carolina. Helen told me that she never met her adult  
15 grandchildren. Helen and her daughter spoke on the phone  
16 periodically. However, Helen was scared of her daughter's  
17 husband Gilbert Stanley?"

18 A That's a lie.

19 Q Were those true statements?

20 A He's lying all the time, that's what it is,  
21 he's lying. I was never afraid of Gilbert. Gilbert was  
22 afraid of me.

23 Q He says that you never met your  
24 grandchildren. Is that true?

25 A Well, they all lived far away but I went to

1 the wedding.

2 Q So you went to their wedding?

3 A Lynn's wedding.

4 Q And Lynn's your granddaughter?

5 A Yes, my granddaughter.

6 Q Now, let me just go to the next paragraph  
7 then, okay? We're down to number 4?

8 A Yes, "In the summer of 2001."

9 Q Why don't you go ahead and read it?

10 A "I assisted Helen in obtaining admission to  
11 Marian Manor's assisted living unit." That's a lie.

12 Q And Deborah had helped you do that, didn't  
13 she?

14 A Yes, Deborah did. He had nothing to do with  
15 it.

16 Q Then he states something else, keep going in  
17 number 4?

18 A "At that time, the daughter and her husband  
19 came to see Helen and pick up some belongings. I believe  
20 that that was the last time they saw Helen."

21 Q So he's saying that Dorothy and Gilbert came  
22 to see you at about the time you moved into Marian Manor.  
23 They came up to see you a couple times, didn't they?

24 A Yeah, they saw me but that doesn't mean they  
25 disowned me or anything. It just was too far for traveling.

1 Q Now, let's go down to number 5. It says,  
2 "After her admission to the assisted living facility at  
3 Marian Manor, she asked if I would be the power of attorney  
4 and her health care agent. I requested she put in writing  
5 the reasons why she wanted me to act as such. See letter to  
6 me dated November 8, 2001 attached hereto." Did you ask Mr.  
7 Kelly to be your power of attorney?

8 A No. I had Debbie all the time.

9 Q So, when we had looked back at that Exhibit 1  
10 and Exhibit 2, you had appointed Debbie your power of  
11 attorney, hadn't you?

12 A Yes, yes.

13 Q So all of a sudden then we looked at that  
14 Exhibit No. 4 where Mr. Kelly was appointed your power of  
15 attorney. Do you recall whose idea that was?

16 A (Shook head in the negative.)

17 Q Was that your idea or was that his idea?

18 A That's his idea.

19 Q I think in the time frame that you signed  
20 that you were a resident of Marian Manor?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Now, let me just then, let's just take a  
23 second and look at one last document. I'm going to put it  
24 in front of you and, again, let's just forget about this  
25 document No. 9 for a second?

1 A Yeah.

2 Q And we're going to look at a document that's  
3 No. 10, okay?

4 (Document shown to the witness.)

5 A Do you want me to read it?

6 Q No, I just want you to take a look at it. So  
7 we're looking now at something that's 10 and it appears to  
8 be another handwritten letter; is that correct?

9 A It's my writing so that's true.

10 Q And there's a signature down at the bottom?

11 A And my signature's down at the bottom.

12 Q And it appears to be a letter that's dated  
13 November 8?

14 A 8th.

15 Q Of 2001?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And it's written, "To whom it may concern?"

18 A Yes.

19 Q Do you want to read it out loud?

20 A "To whom it may concern, as of this date, the  
21 year of our Lord 11-8-01 I appoint Mr. Walter Kelly and his  
22 associate to have the power of attorney on behalf of my  
23 legal affairs and my two safe deposit box numbers 605 and  
24 709 with -- "

25 Q Looks like, "with no?"

1 A I don't know what that is.

2 Q Let me --

3 A Money?

4 Q Looks like, "no monies?"

5 A "No monies and no cash in either box, only  
6 valuable personal papers and copies. Mr. Walter Kelly has  
7 been my attorney for years plus he is available promptly to  
8 assist me in my problem. He has never refused to help me.  
9 My daughter lives in North Carolina and not available to  
10 help me. She has never offered assistance at any time all  
11 these years. I shall stick with Mr. Walter Kelly. He is  
12 like a brother to me. Sincerely, Helen Runge." Because I  
13 felt like I was licked. I had to be nice to him so he could  
14 help me. I had nothing. They're in Carolina and I'm all  
15 alone and I'm going out of my mind and that's what happened.  
16 I felt, I was afraid I was going to go mental.

17 Q And Mr. Kelly, did he suggest that you write  
18 that letter? Do you recall why you wrote that?

19 A Yes. He was going to help me.

20 Q And that was in November of 2001, that would  
21 have been right about the time you had moved into Marian  
22 Manor?

23 A Marian Manor.

24 Q So you had moved from your apartment into  
25 Marian Manor at that time, correct?

1           A     Yeah. It was in the fall because I was  
2 interviewed in July. I paid for August but they told me why  
3 don't I move because, "you're keeping a room and you're not  
4 living in it."

5           Q     So what you're referring to there is you were  
6 paying for your apartment in Boston and you were paying for  
7 a room in Marian Manor and he was helping you stop paying  
8 one and move into the other?

9           A     He says, "You're paying two rents, you better  
10 move."

11          Q     So you had a lease for the apartment and he  
12 was helping you get out of the lease?

13          A     Well, I just paid the rent and, "you better  
14 move out or you'll have to keep paying rent, even if you're  
15 not living there, you better -- you have to end it, you're  
16 paying two rents, you can't afford that."

17          Q     Now, since --

18          A     Now you can see that I was in a quandary.  
19 It's a terrible feeling when you don't know what to do.

20          Q     You were relying on Mr. Kelly to help you?

21          A     No, but I had to have somebody. There's  
22 nobody near me. They would help me but they're so far away.  
23 I need help right away so write them a letter so I wrote a  
24 letter.

25          Q     Now, let's change some times again and I'm



1 not going to change any more times on you after this, okay?

2 A It doesn't matter. I'm familiar with it all.

3 Q Let's go back to the present time, let's go  
4 back to today and moving down here to North Carolina?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And you were just saying that you relied on  
7 Mr. Kelly. Do you think that Mr. Kelly did a good job for  
8 you and did what you asked him to do while you were living  
9 at either Marian Manor or at Bay View or then at Sunbridge?

10 A He did not help me. I don't rely on him.  
11 Even when I asked him to go to another place in Hyde Park,  
12 he ignored it.

13 Q After you left Sunbridge with Dorothy and  
14 Gilbert in April of 2003, did you want Mr. Kelly to take any  
15 actions on your behalf, did you want him to act as your  
16 friend and agent?

17 A I didn't want him anymore. I'd had it.

18 Q Did Mr. Kelly ever call you after you left  
19 with Dorothy and Gilbert and say, "Helen, would you like me  
20 to do some acts on your behalf?"

21 A No way. He did not call me at all.

22 Q Now, in that letter we were just looking at,  
23 it referenced Mr. Kelly or associates. Were you familiar  
24 with any associates that Mr. Kelly had?

25 A No, never saw them.

1 Q Let me ask you another name. Have you ever  
2 heard the name Schiavoni?

3 A (Shook head in the negative.)

4 Q Do you know an attorney in Boston by the name  
5 Schiavoni?

6 A No.

7 Q Did you ever authorize Mr. Schiavoni to do  
8 anything on your behalf?

9 A No.

10 Q Did you ever authorize anyone to pay an  
11 Attorney Schiavoni --

12 A No.

13 Q -- for anything done on your behalf?

14 A No way.

15 Q Did Mr. Kelly, did Attorney Kelly ever call  
16 you and say, "Helen, I'm writing checks out to myself to pay  
17 me for things that I did for you?"

18 A I don't remember anything like that.

19 Q So he never called you?

20 A No.

21 Q Did you ever call Mr. Kelly and he said,  
22 "Helen, may I write some checks out to pay myself?"

23 A No, he never said that, called me saying  
24 that, never.

25 Q So he never called you and you never called

1 him. Now, let me ask you one other question. Did anyone  
2 ever call you on behalf of Mr. Kelly and ask if they could  
3 write checks out?

4 A Nobody called me.

5 Q Would it surprise you, Mrs. Runge, if I told  
6 you that Mr. Kelly wrote checks out of your checking  
7 accounts and paid himself thousands of dollars for legal  
8 fees?

9 A I never heard of it. I remember him sending  
10 me bills before I went into Marian Manor for talking on the  
11 phone, a thousand dollars.

12 Q And did you pay him for that?

13 A Yeah, I paid him, that was service but  
14 anything else I have nothing to do with him. To charge a  
15 thousand dollars for a telephone call and he said he helped  
16 me -- time.

17 Q If you learned that Mr. Kelly paid himself  
18 thousands of dollars --

19 A No, I didn't know that.

20 Q Listen to the question, let me finish it?

21 A Okay, dear.

22 Q If you learned that Mr. Kelly paid himself  
23 thousands of dollars for legal work that he says that he did  
24 for you after -- now, listen to the time frame -- after you  
25 came down here to live with Dorothy and Gilbert, would that

1 upset you?

2 A Very upset.

3 Q Why would that upset you?

4 A He never contacted me. That's a lie. The  
5 only one that contacted me was Dorothy and Gilbert.

6 Q Now, do you think, Mrs. Runge, that you could  
7 go back and live in a nursing home, would you feel good  
8 about that?

9 A No, I don't like nursing homes anymore. I  
10 don't like to go back but, if I had to, I suppose I would  
11 but I don't like. I'd rather live with Dorothy and Gilbert.

12 Q Do you think that you could ever let Mr.  
13 Kelly do any legal work for you?

14 A I would never have Mr. Kelly do my legal  
15 work.

16 Q And why would that be?

17 A Because he lies.

18 MR. DAVIS: Can we take a break for a second?

19 (Recess taken.)

20 (Off-the-record discussion.)

21 Q We just took a little break because we're  
22 just about at the end and I wanted to make sure that we  
23 looked over some things and then we're going to wrap it up.  
24 We can probably have some lunch. I think Dorothy made some  
25 clam chowder for us all.

1 A Oh, that's wonderful.

2 Q So let me just ask you one or two other  
3 questions. I think, while we were going through, that we  
4 might have both been a little confused and I'm going back  
5 now to Bay View when you were living close to the ocean?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And you were eating those two desserts every  
8 day?

9 A Yes.

10 Q While you were at Bay View, were you able to  
11 go out and do some shopping and get around the city a  
12 little?

13 A Well, it was nearer to the water than to the  
14 Broadway, that would be the shopping center, it would be a  
15 walk, but I never went out by myself there because it's a  
16 long walk so I didn't do any shopping because the girl in  
17 that Bay View bungalow, she would go out and do it and, if  
18 you wanted something, she'd get it for you.

19 Q And then would you pay her when she got stuff  
20 for you?

21 A Yeah. She brought back a comb for me and  
22 something else, I can't remember, but she'd do it and  
23 brought it back.

24 Q And you had money in your purse --

25 A Yes.

1 Q -- that you could pay her for that stuff?

2 A Yes, and had what I had, it was very little.

3 Q You had a little desk or something that you  
4 kept your checkbook so you could write things when you were  
5 in Bay View?

6 A I don't remember any checkbook writing. I  
7 don't remember. I might have but I don't remember. That's  
8 a part that hurts, I don't remember.

9 Q Well, you were saying that Mr. Kelly sent you  
10 bills and you were paying him and that would've been --

11 A I wasn't paying him.

12 Q No?

13 A No, no way. I wasn't paying him. He didn't  
14 do anything for me.

15 Q I think we've got everything then. Is there  
16 anything else that we didn't talk about that you want to  
17 talk about that I forgot to ask you about?

18 A No. You did a very fine job and I can't  
19 think of anything that I need. I think you did very good  
20 but, like myself, sometimes I don't remember the dates or  
21 the times. It isn't good. I know I'm not stupid.

22 Q Before we started the deposition here, you  
23 and I had a chance to talk for awhile?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And I told you that we would be hopping back

1 and forth between times?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And it would be hard for you to do that; do  
4 you remember me saying that?

5 A Yes, but it doesn't matter to me, it's still  
6 time.

7 Q One other thing that I said to you as we were  
8 talking before we started the deposition, that I said to you  
9 that I wanted you to do something for me today as you and I  
10 were talking and do you recall what I asked you to do? I  
11 asked you to always tell the (pause) --

12 A The truth, always tell the truth.

13 Q As we were talking here today, you've told me  
14 the truth, haven't you?

15 A You have to tell the truth and I put my hand  
16 on the Bible I swear to tell the truth.

17 Q Thank you. We're going to stop now, all  
18 right?

19 A Yeah, because you're not going to gain  
20 anything by lying. You only hurt yourself.

21 Q Thank you.

22 A And I thank everybody was so kind and so  
23 nice, it was a pleasure.

24 (Off-the-record discussion.)

25 Q Mrs. Runge, I apologize for this. Just as we

1 were packing up, I realized I'd forgot to ask you one or two  
2 questions?

3 A That's okay.

4 Q So I'm going to make you work just a couple  
5 more minutes?

6 A No problem.

7 Q Now, I wanted to ask you this. When Mr.  
8 Kelly filed some papers with the court to have himself  
9 appointed as your guardian, he represented that he was your  
10 friend. In April or May of the year 2003, was Walter Kelly  
11 your friend?

12 A No, he was not my friend anymore.

13 Q In May of 2003, did you want Walter Kelly to  
14 be acting on your behalf?

15 A I have no more use for Mr. Kelly.

16 Q And that was after you had sent that April  
17 letter to Mr. Kelly saying that he was not to act on your  
18 behalf, wasn't it?

19 A I didn't want him anymore.

20 Q Let me ask you one or two other questions  
21 then. Do you recall a woman by the name of Farrah, and  
22 that's spelled F-a-r-r-a-h, Siedler, S-i-e-d-l-e-r?

23 A I heard the name Farrah. I think she was a  
24 nurse or (pause) --

25 Q I think she was an employee?



1 A Employee, Farrah.

2 Q I think she was an employee?

3 A Employee.

4 Q For Sunbridge?

5 A She could have been.

6 Q Was she a friend of yours?

7 A Just by association but we were not close.

8 Q And you've never been in contact with her  
9 since you've left Sunbridge with Dorothy and Gilbert?

10 A No, I never was in any contact with Farrah.

11 Q Did you ever ask Farrah to act on your behalf  
12 or to file any papers on your behalf?

13 A No, I couldn't have somebody do that. I  
14 didn't have any papers.

15 Q Did Farrah ever come to you and say, "Helen,  
16 do you want me to do something on your behalf with the  
17 court?"

18 A No, I never.

19 Q Would it upset you to learn that Farrah  
20 represented herself to be a friend of yours when she filed  
21 some papers with the court?

22 A I never knew anything about it.

23 Q I think that's the end of the questions then,  
24 okay? Are we okay stopping here? Do you have anything else  
25 you want to tell us?

1           A     No. It just belittles me that somebody's  
2     lying about me doing things. How can an elderly lady take  
3     care of anything, you're so isolated and people are lying.  
4     That's why I said I'd rather be here with Gilbert and  
5     Dorothy.

6           Q     And they're taking pretty good care of you,  
7     aren't they?

8           A     Yes.

9           Q     And you're happy here?

10          A     I'm much happier but I still like Boston.

11          Q     I think we're going to stop now, all right?

12          A     Okay. That was very, very nice. Everybody  
13     is so nice, smiles.

14                     (Off-the-record discussion.)

15                     (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 11 was marked for  
16     identification by the court reporter.)

17                     (Whereupon, this deposition was concluded at  
18     approximately 1:04 o'clock P.M.)

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CERTIFICATE

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COUNTY OF HENDERSON

I, Carol J. Patwin, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the County of Henderson, State of North Carolina, do hereby certify:

That on the 16th day of January, 2004, at 11:00 A.M. in Columbus, North Carolina, there appeared before me pursuant to Agreement HELEN RUNGE as a witness in the above-entitled cause; that the said witness was sworn by me and examined to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in said cause; that the foregoing testimony was taken by me in stenotype and the foregoing 79 pages contain a full, true and correct transcription of all the testimony of said witness; that the reading and signature of the transcript by the witness was not waived by the witness and respective counsel; that I am not of kin or in anywise associated with any of the parties to said cause of action, or their counsel, and that I have no interest in the event thereof.

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## Affidavit of Helen Anne Runge

I am an 87-year-old lady who has supported herself since she was 15 years old. I was born in South Boston to Lithuanian parents, was married for a short period, and had one daughter. I have always managed my own affairs including my finances. I used an attorney to do my taxes and to make out my wills as required. Up until the last few years, I used an attorney named Peter Kerr. Mr. Kerr retired and turned over my file to a Walter Kelly. I believe Mr. Kelly was a law partner of Mr. Kerr. My initial involvement with Walter Kelly was in the middle of 2001 just prior to entering Marion Manor Assistant Living facility.

I was living in the Hyde Park section of Boston, MA, was about 85 years old, and finding it increasingly difficult to climb the four flights of stairs to my apartment. I decided to investigate assisted living facilities with the thought that it would make life a little more pleasant. I knew of Marion Manor in South Boston and that it had a very good reputation as a nursing home. Marion Manor also had some facilities for assisted living. My friend Debbie drove me to the home and inspected it with me. The facility was well kept and the people very nice. It lived up to its reputation. I decided that I would move there. I contacted Mr. Kelly to tell him what I was going to do and told him I wanted him to prepare a will for me. He offered to help me move from my apartment to Marion Manor and I accepted. He of course charged me for his time to do this. Up until this point in time (approximately 2 years from this writing) I had very little interface with Mr. Kelly. Mr. Kelly did help me move and stored some of my belongings in a storage facility that he had. He charges me storage for this.

I moved to Marion Manor in July of 2001. When I moved into Marion Manor, unknown to me, Mr. Kelly made himself the primary point of contact if I had a health problem. He also had me sign a health care proxy that I understood would only apply if I were determined to be incompetent by a court. I wanted my daughter to be the primary point of contact since she is a health care professional and I trust her. My daughter came to visit me several months after I moved there and found that she would not have been notified no matter what happened to me. Even though my daughter lived a long distance away, I felt more comfortable if she was the principle contact for my care. Working with the Marion Manor people, I had the change made.

Marion Manor was a very nice place with good people but had a drawback in that it did not have any available single rooms in assisted living. I had to room with a patient that had Alzheimer's disease. Most of the time this person was great to get along with but other times she was difficult. Having lived alone for over 60 years, it was difficult to adjust to living in a small room with another person. I decided I wanted to move to a facility that was more appropriate for assisted living. One of my friends that had just moved to the nursing home section of Marion Manor recommended that I look at Bayview Assisted Living. I went over to the facility by myself, found it was really nice and specialized in assisted living. I made a decision to move there and did so in November of 2002.

I moved into a large room that was very comfortable until the weather started to get colder. The room did not have adequate heat. When I complained about this, they moved me to a smaller room that had adequate heat and was still very comfortable. They refurbished the original room, fixed the heat, and put two people in it.

Things went well until a couple of months after I went there a prescription discount card issued to me by NSTAR, my old employer, was taken out of my room. I complained about it but no one could find who did it. When I called the company to get it replaced, I was told a large amount of prescriptions had been charged to the card. The only medication that I was taking at that time was an iron pill for anemia. The company canceled the missing card and issued me a new one.

In January of 2003, I returned to my room to find that my papers had been ransacked, apparently by someone looking for the new prescription card. I got very angry and reported this to the staff and they acted as if I had an over active imagination. I then called the police and they sent an officer to investigate but as often happens to us old people they handled the problem as if I was a mental case. I was not! I was mad and frustrated but I knew what I was doing. The home called Mr. Kelly and he had me taken to Carney Hospital in Boston for psychiatric evaluation. Before we left he remarked to one of the staff that I was mental. I asked him about my possessions and he said he would take care of them and see that I got them. This was late at night and he was very angry.

I was evaluated at Carney and found not to be psychotic, my thought process to be coherent and organized, and my cognition to be intact. In other words, I may have been very angry but I was not mental. I received this information from Carney Hospital after I requested my daughter be given a copy of my medical records. Late one evening, Mr. Kelly came and took me to the Sunbridge nursing home in Randolph, MA. I did not want to go to Sunbridge but he said I could not stay at the hospital, as there was nothing wrong with me. I said my daughter was going to bring me to North Carolina or that I could go to several other homes that I knew. He said I did not want to go to North Carolina and did not want me to go to a nursing home in Roxbury that was near his office. He said I had to go to Sunbridge. Shortly after he took me, he said I had to sign a document so he could pay my bills. He would not let me read the document but I signed it because I felt helpless at that time. Mr. Kelly had taken all my money, identification, personal belongings, social security and Medicare cards. I had nothing but what I was wearing. I have always paid my bills and wanted them to be paid so I signed the document. I do not know what was in the document that I signed.



I started out in Sunbridge very unhappy and requested that Mr. Kelly move me. He refused and said I had to stay there. I could not write a letter, as I had no stamps or paper. Kayla, one of the nurses did not like the predicament that I was in and, using her own money bought me some stamps, paper, a watch, and other small things. This allowed me to write my daughter (this was the end of March). My daughter called me but Mr. Kelly had taken my hearing assist phone and would not return it even after several requests. I had my daughter talk to Kayla and she confirmed all that I said in my letter.

I hated Sunbridge. I was a prisoner. I could not go out on my own, they would tell me nothing except I needed to take all my medicine. Kayla would talk me into taking most of the medicine by saying they would put me "away" if I did not take it. The time I took it all I was not able to stand and went to sleep on my bed for a day and a half. I felt like a drunk when I walked down the hallway. No matter how many times I asked they would not tell me what the medication was or what it was for. I complained to anyone who would listen that I did not need medication and that it was doing me harm. The nursing home and Mr. Kelly said they would force me to take it if I did not do it willingly. I knew they were trying to make me a zombie along with the other patients on the floor to keep me from complaining. I felt so bad about this inside that I couldn't even cry. I had no confidence in Mr. Kelly, as he would do nothing for me. I did not know how to get rid of him as he was very friendly with the nursing home staff and I feared he would have me committed to a state institution as he had threatened. I wrote my daughter in the March letter that I wanted to get a new lawyer.

The nursing home kept refusing me care of a podiatrist, a dentist, an ear doctor, and an eye doctor. I had recently had cataract surgery and my eyes needed to be checked. I have all my own teeth and they needed cleaning. I had growths on my face that were getting worse and I needed a skin doctor. I was having trouble with my feet and needed a podiatrist. I could pay for all this if Mr. Kelly would give me access to my money. He wouldn't even though I asked him everytime I saw him.

I was terrified and prayed to Saint Theresa to help me get out of this fix. I knew that I would eventually have to take the medication that they wanted to force on me as I could only resist so long. I knew when I started to take the medication that I would lose the ability to fend for myself and be like all the other zombies on my floor. It would essentially be the end of my life. Saint Theresa answered my prayers.

About 10:00AM on April 29, 2003 I came out of my cold shower and there was my daughter standing in the doorway to my room with her husband. One of the first things that I did was thank Saint Theresa for answering my pleas.

I asked the nursing staff to give my daughter all the information my daughter wanted from my medical records. They would give her nothing. They said, "Attorney Kelly had told them not to give her any information". My daughter called my doctor's office, they told her that there was no change in my behavior from when I was admitted, and that Mr. Kelly would not let them evaluate me.

Sunbridge has no private areas where we could have a private conversation but we found a staff conference room on another floor to talk. My daughter asked me about my treatment and I told her how bad that it was. I told her when I asked to have my eye surgery checked, a fellow came in and asked if I could read an eye chart that was on his lap. It was such a simple chart that I memorized it at first glance and read it to him. He said your eyes are OK without ever looking at them. I said other than that, they would not let me see the doctors that I needed to see. I told her that the food was inedible and the menus a farce. The toilets were often backed up and there was often no hot water for showers. The facility was filthy and smelled badly. I told her again that I wanted to "fire" Mr. Kelley. I did not trust him and wanted no more to do with him. He was taking my money while treating me with contempt. I told her I had not changed my mind from the letter I wrote her in March. I insisted that he be fired immediately.

My daughter asked if I wanted her to be my health proxy and I said I would be delighted as she has a lifetime of experience in medicine and I could trust her to do what was best for me. She asked if I would like my son-in-law to be her power of attorney. I said absolutely and that I was delighted that they offered. I emphasized that I did not want anything to do with Mr. Kelley after today. I told them that Mr. Kelley had everything I have ever owned down to the change purses in my pocket book and would do nothing for me. I told them that Mr. Kelley had come by with my income tax papers for me to sign in April. He was in a hurry and would not let me read them but said I had to sign. He did not have a copy for me to keep. I complained again about him not letting me have access to my money and he reached in his pocket, threw seven dollars across the table, and said "buy yourself something at Wal-Mart". I was shamed and mortified to the point I could say nothing. He treated me like a street beggar.

We went out of the facility and prepared a revocation of Mr. Kelly's Health care proxy and power of attorney as well as a letter saying I wanted no more services from him and requesting return of jewelry and other possessions that he had. We also prepared documents appointing my daughter my health care proxy and my son-in-law my power of attorney. We had these notarized by a notary public. We returned to the facility about three hours later and I went to my room to freshen up while my daughter and son-in-law went to talk to the Sunbridge staff. While I was waiting for them to finish talking to the staff a doctor came by my room to talk to me. He asked one question "Why do you not want to take your medicine" I told him I did not need the medicine and no one would tell me what it was for therefor I did not intend to take it. I asked him "if he did not have a headache would he take Tylenol in case he might get one" and he answered that he wouldn't and left the room. I learned later that he thought I was not competent because of this two-minute conversation. I understood exactly what I was doing and why I was

doing it. I think it is very strange that Mr. Kelly thought I was competent enough to sign my income tax return a couple of weeks earlier but the minute I signed papers to fire him he tried to say I was not competent to sign them.

My daughter told me that the meeting with the Sunbridge staff did not go well and that they would not accept her health care proxy. We discussed what to do and she asked if I would like to come to North Carolina to live with her. I told her that I wanted to do that when I was in Carney Hospital but that Mr. Kelley said I could not do that. I said I certainly wanted to come live with her. She asked just before she left that evening if I wanted to leave with her then. I said no because I wanted to say good bye to a friend but would want to go the next day. I signed a letter saying I wanted my daughter to take me to North Carolina.

The next day, April 30, my daughter arrived about 2:00PM. The Sunbridge staff told her that "Attorney Kelly had requested that she not be allowed to leave the floor". Now I was truly being held prisoner. A long discussion took place and my daughter left for a short period of time. When my daughter returned she insisted that I be allowed to go outside the front door with her to have a private conversation. After a long time, they agreed that I could go for a few minutes but that I would have to have a "bodyguard" go with me. We went to the front door and as soon as we got outside my son-in-law drove up to the front door and told my bodyguard that they were holding me against my will and they were taking me. A crowd of people came out of the front door with the intent to stop us. One large black man grabbed for my daughter and me but my son-in-law stepped in and stopped him from doing it. I hurriedly got in the front seat of the car, fastened my seatbelt, and got ready to go. I felt like a giant load was lifted off my shoulders and that I was being liberated. They then stood in front of the car to keep it from moving. My son-in-law got in the car and started it. For some reason, the man standing in front of the car moved far enough away that my son-in-law was able to steer around him and leave. Sunbridge had called the police and was trying to hold us there until they came. I knew I had the right to leave this facility but they tried to hold me by force. They knew whom I was with and still tried force. My son-in-law is a very large person and I am convinced if it was not for that, they would have grabbed and retained me.

We left for North Carolina and I felt as if I was rescued by white knights. On Thursday we had Lynn, my granddaughter, call Sunbridge to tell them I was out of the state and request that they send my belongings. They refused and said it was a police matter. I must say, if they had my best interest at heart they picked a strange way to show it. The trip was beautiful. The first thing my daughter did when we got to North Carolina was to bring me by the hospital to draw blood for lab work to make sure there was nothing wrong with me. This was on a Saturday evening. On Monday, she took me to a doctor for a physical examination. The doctor said I was fine and needed no medication. I was slightly anemic but he did not want to medicate me for that until he saw what good food would do.

My daughter has since bought me a hearing aid that really works well. People don't have to shout at me and I don't shout back. I only had 16% of my hearing in my left ear and 62% of my hearing in my right ear. What a pleasure it is just to hear the rain. I have been to the podiatrist and had my feet taken care of. He said they were badly neglected and had bacterial and fungus infections. I have appointments to see the eye doctor and the dentist. A psychiatrist has examined me and found I was competent and capable of managing my own affairs. The physician that first examined me when I came to North Carolina has recently examined me again. He says I am in good health and receiving all the required care for my eyes, feet, and skin. He agrees with the psychiatrist that I am capable of managing my own affairs and do not need a guardian.

I arrived here in North Carolina with nothing. Mr. Kelley has it all and has refused send me anything. Mr. Kelley has even kept all my mail that has been forwarded from Bayside Assisted Living over the past four months. I have had to apply to social security for a Medicare and social security card. I have had to buy all new clothes, wallets, change purses, address books, shoes and cosmetics. I have had to apply for a new insurance card from my previous employer. I can get no information from any of my credit union or bank accounts as they say Mr. Kelley has them frozen. I think this is very strange behavior for someone that is supposed to have my best interest at heart.

I don't know if I will ever get over the trauma Mr. Kelley and Sunbridge have caused. They have stripped me of my dignity, confidence, and self-respect. It is as if I had been raped. It scares me to think how close Mr. Kelly came to controlling my very existence. They came close to destroying my will to fight back but fortunately did not.

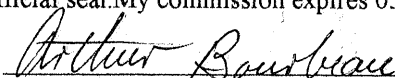
I sign this document under penalty of perjury.

  
Helen Anne Runge July 27, 2003

State of North Carolina, County of Polk

On July 27, 2003, before me, Arthur Bourbeau, A Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared Helen Runge, personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to within this instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity and that by her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal. My commission expires 05-30-2006





Statement of Helen Runge  
May 12, 2003

On April 29, 2003, I requested that my daughter, Dorothy Stanley, remove me from the Sunbridge Rehabilitation Center in Randolph Massachusetts and bring me with her to North Carolina to live. I was very dissatisfied with the care I was getting at the facility and especially fearful of the drugs they were trying to force me to take. I was equally dissatisfied with my attorney Walter Kelley I dismissed him and revoked his power of attorney and health care proxy that he alleged I had signed, on this same date.

On Wednesday, April 30, 2003, I again requested that my daughter get me out of this facility. She agreed to do so and removed me against the will of the facility. I knew I had to get away from Sunbridge if I was to continue to function as a human being.

I am living in North Carolina with my daughter and her husband and am delighted to be here.

  
Helen Runge



I

March 12, 2003

Dear Mrs Kelly,

It was nice to see you again. Next time bring something of mine as I do miss a lot. Even a newspaper is something. There is a N. Home in H.P. I am curious about by the location. Not the one on Truman PKWY, as I have seen that one. The other is by the near the library.

I do miss my <sup>PHONE</sup> ~~phone~~ and telephone books. All latest.

I miss my purses with cash in them. ✓

I need cash when we go to WALMART Trip. I do not even have a dime!!

Just thinking of this place I cry, I'm so unhappy. Right now I feel better off by taking an apartment for the elderly like the Blake ESTATES.

To think that jerk of a woman drove me out of Marian Manor

WK 0578



II

She was a shrewd woman. She fooled people but not me. I lived with her and she fooled people. I caught her in the act of stealing my ring. She tripped on the newspaper and fell on me, but I found the ring under the bed near her bed.

A couple of days ago my sea green woolen sweater was stolen. It was sent from L. L. Bean. Not cheap!!

How am I going to fill out my INCOME TAX? I always went to H. R. BLOCK and now I do not have any mail data for I. TAX forms.

I cannot even get to Dedham to make out the I. TAX form.

You got me into here and please help me out of here. H. Carolina would have been worse. Not much help from MR. STAMLEY. After 30 years no change. I was never invited in their home.

WK 0579



III

They would not be seeing me in the MURSEING home. He rules the roost there.

Nobody but nobody would call or see me in that far off distance.

They were too busy to come forth prior to making up my mind for a Nursing Home. Doing my business over the phone in their distance was not feasible. I need local help.

I am still waiting to see doctors for

EYES - OPHTHALMOLOGIST -  
and not just a  
OPTOMETRIST

TEETH - OVER DUE FOR CLEANING  
AND CITEK UP, BLEED GUMS

FEET - HAVE DEVELOPED  
BUNIONS; CALLOUSES AND  
INGROWN NAILS

SKIN - BITES ALL OVER

HAIR - LOSS IN BUNCHES - HAIR CUT (COVER)

WK 0580



Hope <sup>to</sup> see you  
soon and my  
telephone with tone  
adjuster placed on wall

This place reminds  
me of the place they  
take in elderly and  
prisoners in H. Park  
~~(EGLISTON STREET)~~  
(EGLESTON SQUARE)

Take care  
and

God Bless !!!

Helen  
Brunge

WK 0581



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Dearest Dorothy I am sorry for the delay in writing to you I have moved again now to above address.

I was taken here without my knowledge and now I am stuck I don't know why.

Wish you were nearer so you could see the lawyer Mr. Kelly and find out if a decent place can be found in local Boston. He is very evasive. It is like a prison. I just hate it here.

I think I need a new lawyer. I have had no mail, checks etc. I just wonder what he is doing. All legal papers, money, jewelry he has. I think it is time for a new lawyer and a good talking with all of us ~~to~~ together. I could not write as I had no paper, envelopes, postage stamps etc.

Wish you could make a trip here to straighten things out. The place is situated in the middle of nowhere.

I was taken here under false pretenses.

Hope to hear from you soon. Love you

with love 00195



P.S. I need to see some doctors for

Eyes - losing my sight  
Teeth - need cleaning etc  
Ears - need a hearing aid  
SKIN - need a skin doctor

I am very, very upset.



April 30, 2003

To who it may concern:

I, Helen Runge, request that my daughter, Dorothy Stanley, remove me from the Sunbridge Rehabilitation Facility and bring me to live with her in North Carolina.

*Helen Runge*  
Helen Runge

